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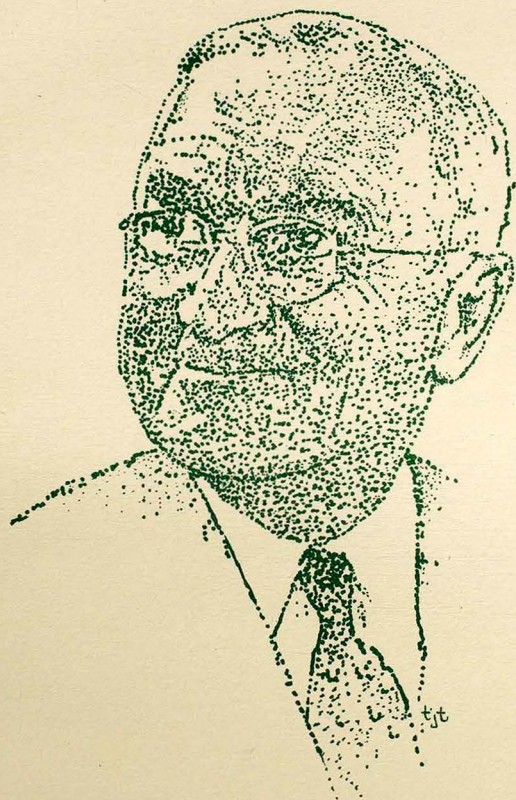
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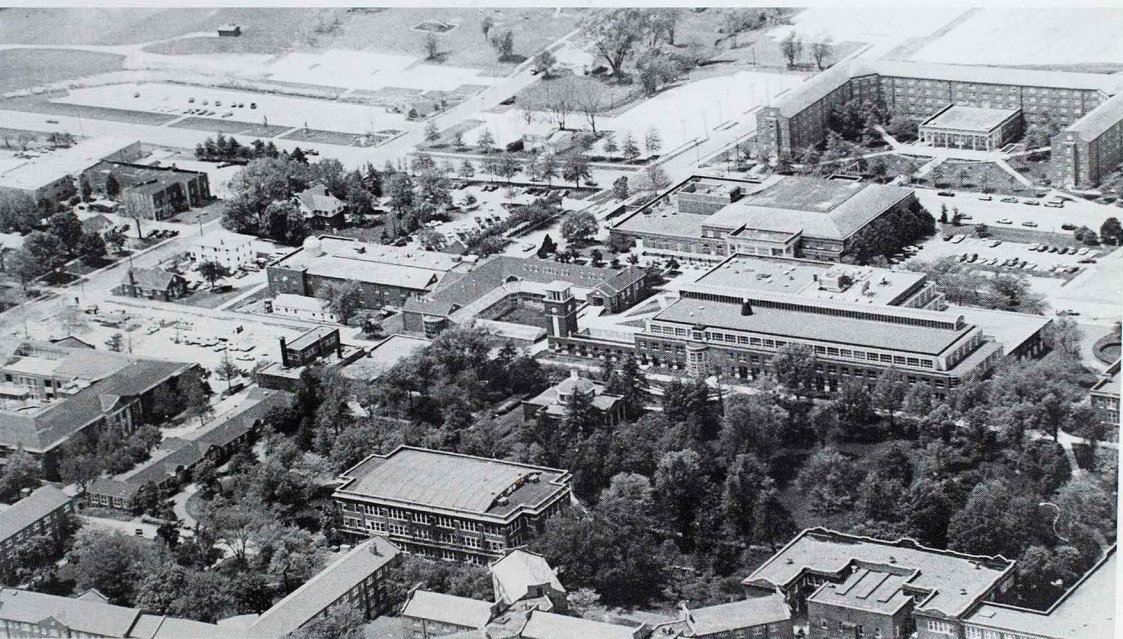


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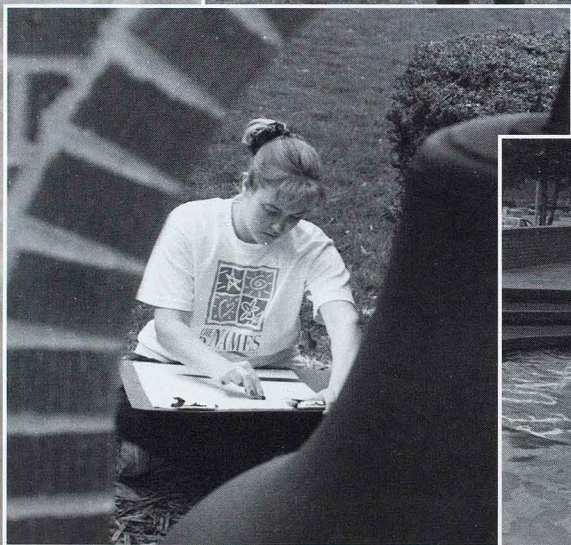
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Senior Shapath Bhatta plays ball with friends on the quad. Unusual spurts of spring-like weather provided students with the opportunity to spend time with friends, enjoying the sunshine.



Sophomore Sarah Gordan takes advantage of the sights and sounds of the quad for her art project. A visual communication major, Gordan often found herself observing student life at Truman and then putting the images on paper.



Freshmen Cheryl Rushing and Lacey Pritchett take a break from long hours of studying to enjoy the spring weather and the fountain. Always in search of study break opportunities, students often spent time outdoors, enjoying Truman's campus.

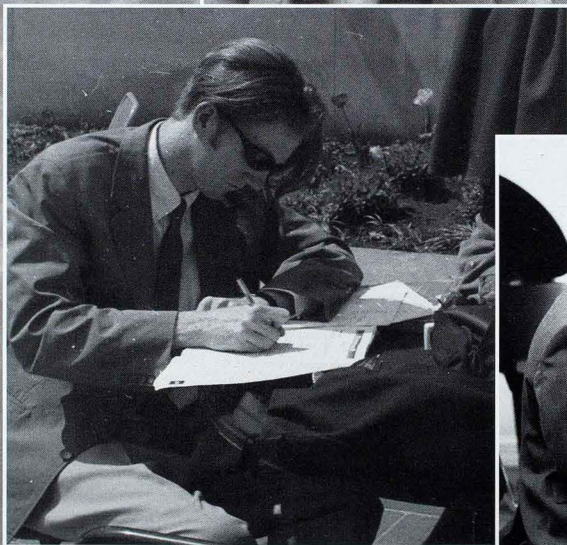
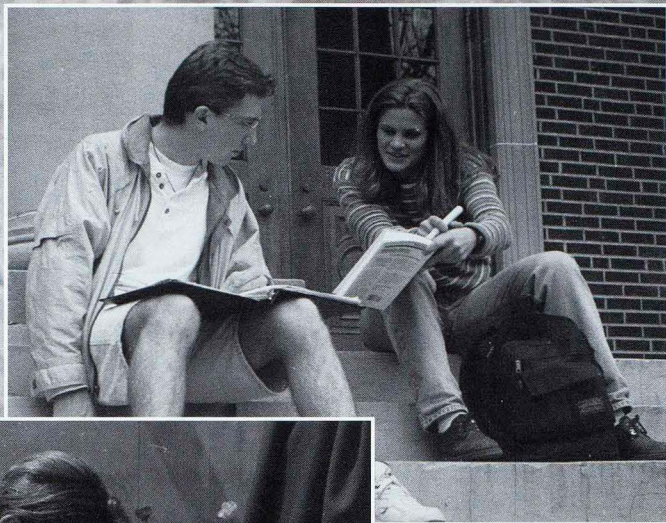
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Create an image. It was as simple as that. After 24 years as Northeast Missouri State University, it was time for a new identity to emerge. On July 1, 1996, NMSU ceased to exist. Truman State University was born, and it had to create an image of its own. The Northeast name was gone, and some questioned whether all that went with it would perish as well. Under the NMSU name, the University achieved national recognition, drawing some of the best and brightest students the country had to offer. Would Truman State University continue the tradition of academic excellence? It was an ominous question as the University's rank in *Money* magazine fell to fourth in the nation, and the number of applicants appeared to stall. Maintaining the NMSU image was already a challenge as the year began amid scandal and controversy. Truman was gaining recognition again, but not in the positive form. Instead of accenting the positive Northeast image, Truman seemed to struggle to keep up with it. And so the school year began, with a search for truth, leadership and continued success. Truth might never be found, but the search would continue. Leadership came in the form of a new vice president for academic affairs and the countless students and faculty who stepped up when called upon. Continued success was in question, but it would always be the goal. In order for Truman State University to carry on the NMSU tradition, it was time to start anew.

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Juniors James Schmieder and Jocelyn Parisa spend the last few minutes before class going over notes for a test. Small class sizes at Truman provided students with the opportunity to get to know one another and utilize each other as study aids.



Sophomore Kevin Dooley takes advantage of the tables outside Mainstreet Market to finish his homework assignment. Weather permitting, students seized the chance to get out of the dorms or their apartments and work outside.



Sophomore Alex Lumaghi and freshman Jon Nones warm up with their saxophones before a concert in the Student Union Building. Concerts were a common event across campus as the 1996-97 school year drew to a close.

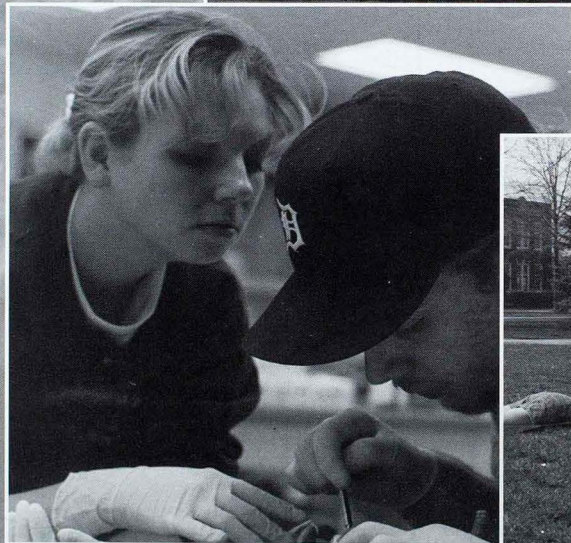
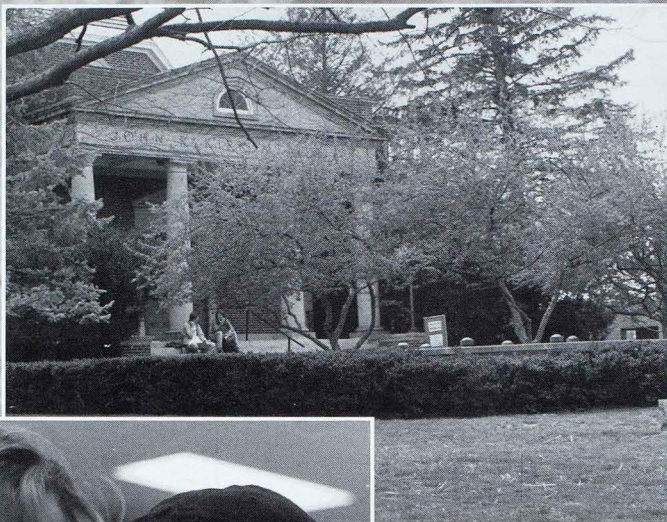
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The physical image of the Truman State University campus received a face lift as construction created a new look. Many renovations took place to provide more space and improved facilities for the future. While these projects promised great images for the future of Truman State University, the community was forced to deal with the changes in the present. The University saw the progress of a new recreation center which would serve as a welcome addition to the campus and the lives of students and faculty. Violette Hall closed as plans were in the works for its makeover, causing the University to find new locations for classrooms and offices. The Science Hall tunnel was no more as new lab and classroom space was added. A new garden outside the library provided the campus with a lighter image. Every change for the campus resulted in a necessity for change by the University community. A shortage of classroom space, caused by all of the construction projects, left the University searching for time. This time was found in earlier morning classes and more evening classes, and students and faculty had to adjust to these new schedules. Beyond the campus, changes were found in Kirksville as new stores were welcomed. Adjustment was a way of life for college students, and it became the way for Truman State University as well. Change was inevitable in any community, and Truman State University welcomed the changes along with its new image.

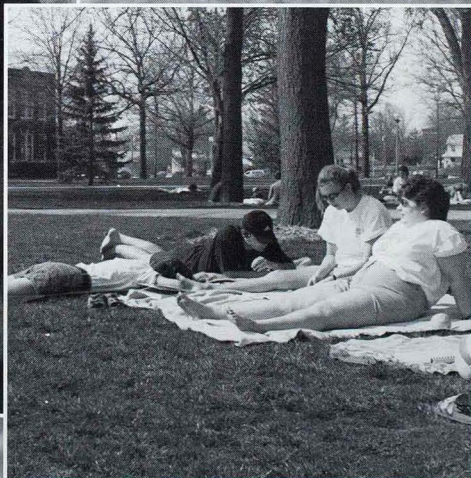
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As leaves start to emerge on the trees, students also start spending more time outdoors. Physical Plant workers spent a lot of time planting grass and flowers and cleaning up campus for students to enjoy.



Senior Jessica Denbow and sophomore Chris Best tie down their fetal pig before beginning dissection. Members of the Biology 100 class were somewhat surprised to learn they would be dissecting animals in their labs.



Sophomores Joann Albert, Zach Rieder, Cary Haskell and Theresa Pund soak up the sun while listening to bands during the Earth Day Band Fest held on the Quad. With finals approaching, the band fest provided a much needed mental escape for many students.

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And so, Truman began to create an image all its own. It was a time to try new things and a time to cherish tradition. It was time for Truman State University to make its mark. The campus improvements were just one aspect of this new identity. As the year began, Truman welcomed the brightest freshman class it had ever seen. After falling in *Money* magazine's ranking, Truman emerged as the No. 1 Best Value in the Midwest for sticker price in *U.S. News & World Report*. The values of Northeast were beginning to merge with the ideals of Truman. Together these elements would carry Truman into a whole new realm, one which encompassed every aspect of the University. It was an image which would continue to develop throughout the year and in all the years to come. From glory to upset, the image slowly began to form itself from the inside out. Regardless of its content, it was an image of pride. The name may have changed, but the spirit did not die. It was a spirit rooted in the tradition of excellence, formed over 150 years. Truman State University emerged as a source of pride for its community, just as Northeast had in past years. It was a pride which was evident in all aspects of Truman. Students took pride in their studies. Faculty took pride in their students. The Kirksville community took pride in the University. It was a pride in the creation of the image. And there was a lot to be proud of when it came to the image of Truman State University.

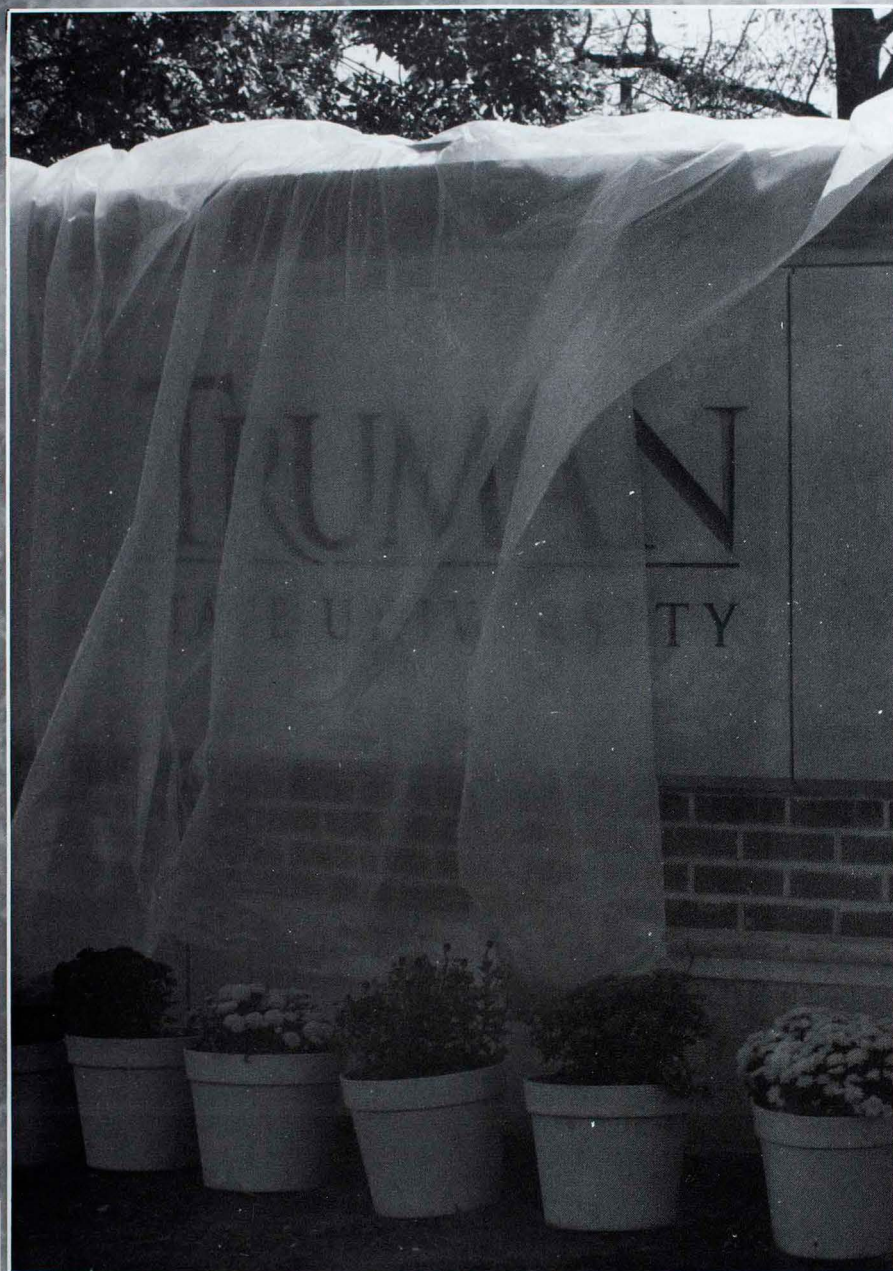
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truman news

The overall image of life at Truman was a reflection of the stories therein. During the academic year, these stories were aplenty. For better or for worse, the University made headlines. There were two sides to every story. The year began as a sex scandal shocked the campus in a case where the truth was hard to find. The volleyball team was at the center of a former coach's accusations of inequalities, culminating in a Title IX complaint and a suit against University officials. Jarrett Anderson, winner of the Harlon Hill trophy, ended his Truman career amidst uncertainty as he explored life as a free agent. The local hospitals merged, creating a regional medical center with better equipment and a local health care monopoly at the same time. The NAMES Project passed through Kirksville, bringing with it a somber sense of accomplishment. It was a year of goodbyes, as the University mourned a professor emeritus and a cherished student, tragically taken before her time. At the same time, it was a year to welcome new additions. The community greeted new merchants and the University welcomed new faculty. It was a year to honor the established and embrace what was yet to come. It was a year of news, and the *Index* didn't miss a beat. As Truman State University established its identity, it was part of an unfolding tale—a tale rooted in tradition, yet full of suspense. Throughout it all, everyone was a part of the story. Each chapter was a new beginning.

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Campus Markers

Students, community members and campus visitors are welcomed onto Truman's campus by the new signs proclaiming the name change. The signs, one at the corner of Normal and Franklin streets and the other at the corner of Patterson and Franklin streets, were constructed over the summer of 1996. The signs were planned for some time, but officials thought it best to wait for verification of a new name. Along with the signs' construction, trees and flowers were planted, and spotlights were implemented. Overall, the construction for the signs cost approximately \$112,000.

Burden of Proof

A Scholar and a Gentleman

by Jennifer Odefey

On the morning of Nov. 15, the Towne Bells tolled 78 times, once for each year in the life of Gilbert Charles Kohlenberg.

Kohlenberg, a professor emeritus of history and head emeritus of the social science division, died unexpectedly earlier that morning.

Kohlenberg left a lasting impression on everyone he touched in his 46 years at Truman State University.

He began teaching at the University in 1950. In 1955 he became the head of the social science division, which he remained for 24 years. Kohlenberg returned to teaching history full-time in 1979 until he retired in 1988.

Ruth Warner Towne, professor emeritus of history and dean emeritus of graduate studies, worked with Kohlenberg since 1951. The two were best friends.

"He was a scholar and a gentleman," she said.

Two Truman professors resigned after a lengthy school suspension triggered by a student's accusation of sexual assault.

Johnny Langley, associate professor of communication, settled with the University in November. David Williams, associate professor of communication, left the school in December.

"If I had the money, we would certainly continue this to a hearing," Langley told the campus newspaper in November.

University officials never said exactly what Langley and Williams were accused of, but local authorities said the two men were being investigated in connection with the alleged sexual assault of a female Truman student, a communication major.

The Adair County attorney prosecuting charges in the case. Assistant prosecutor Carolyn Boehm said toxicology tests did not return enough proof.

The entire case revolved around allegations involving Langley and Williams in what the University called "off-campus incidents" in late August at Williams' home.

Truman officials said they were investigating a third professor in connection with the incident, but he was neither named nor suspended. The Adair County Sheriff's Office said it was investigating a fourth man from out-of-town.

Lanny Morley, acting vice president for academic affairs, suspended the two men on Sept. 12, recommending they be fired. Other teachers took over their classes.

A committee of five faculty members was appointed to decide whether Langley and Williams would be fired, but the

group never met. Williams settled with Truman days before the committee was scheduled to start the hearings.

In the following settlements, the professors went on leaves of absence until their contracts ran out in the summer of 1997. The two men taught no classes during this time, and the University continued to pay them.

Under the agreement, neither professor could bring charges against the University, but if the University was sued because of the August incident, it was given the option of suing the two men.

The settlement also forced Langley to drop a sexual harassment complaint against his accuser, senior Tasha Amick, through the University's judicial system.

The case also drew a lot of media attention. Television stations in Kansas City covered the case in nightly newscasts. The *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* followed the story, even making one report the lead story in its Sunday edition.

During the course of the investigation, it was revealed Langley had left his position as an Alabama judge in the late 1980s amid allegations of scandal.

Williams taught at Truman since 1987. Langley began his career at Truman in 1989.

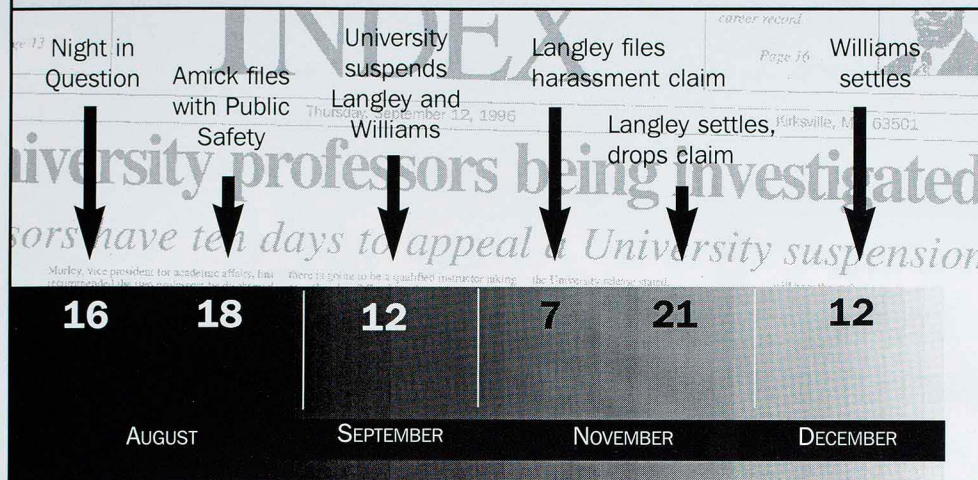
Langley taught journalism classes including Media Law & Ethics and Mass Communication. He also was the adviser to the campus television channel.

Williams taught mostly speech and communication courses during his time at Truman. The 1996-97 University bulletin listed him as a part of the International Center for Advancement of Political Communication and Argumentation.

Conflicting stories of a sexual assault rocked the Truman campus, ending only in uncertainty

by James Hart

University Sex Scandal



Graphic by Scott Hale

Bits and Pieces

Dr. Yinfa Ma, associate professor of chemistry, was named the 1996 Missouri Professor of the Year.

Ma was nominated by the University and selected for the honor by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching from 585 faculty members.

In addition to his work with chemistry students, Ma worked with more than 30 students in undergraduate research.

While the number of in-state applications rose under the new Truman name, out-of-state and overall application numbers dropped.

At the end of 1996, 4,297 applicants had requested admission to the entering freshman class, down from 5,459 the previous year.

The drop was attributed to the name change. Admissions officials were

confident the number of freshman attending Truman in the fall would be the same as past years.

In February, Dobson Hall residents were shocked when an actual fire caused the fire alarm to go off.

A dryer in the laundry room caught on fire and set off the alarm.

Residents initially thought the alarm was a joke, as it was pulled before. The fire caused a total of \$8,000 in damages, but no one was injured.

In March, Truman students got a taste of fame when David Fricke, senior editor of *Rolling Stone*, spoke about substance abuse, rock 'n' roll and the rise of celebrity journalism.

A writer at *Rolling Stone* for 20 years, Fricke's interview subjects included R.E.M., Kurt Cobain, Anthony Kiedis and Bob Marley.

The campus bookstore got a facelift in 1997 as a result of contract negotiations between Barnes & Noble and Truman.

Barnes & Noble paid an estimated \$75,000 for the renovations, which were intended to make the campus bookstore more like other Barnes & Noble bookstores.

The University lost a friend on March 24 when John A. Kenney, assistant professor of art, died from heart problems. Kenney was 59 years old.

Kenney served in the United States Navy from 1955 to 1958. His University career began in 1963, when he taught photography.

Kenney collected all kinds of cameras and enjoyed hunting in his spare time. His survivors included six children, a brother and nine grandchildren.

Rushing Success

Former Coach Questions "Fair Play"

by Matthew Schott

A conflict between former volleyball coach Deb Masten and the athletic department culminated in 1997 with Masten's dismissal, two federal investigations and a lawsuit filed by Masten against Athletic Director Walter Ryle and President Jack Magruder.

The lawsuit charged Masten's civil rights were violated, specifically her rights to free speech and due process.

University General Counsel Warren Wells said the University was in compliance with the wishes of the two investigating offices.

The United States Department of Education Office of Civil Rights and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission were the two federal offices investigating the policies of the Truman athletic department.

While in college, Jarrett Anderson accomplished just about everything any athlete could hope to achieve in his sport. He won the Harlon Hill Trophy as the best player in Division II, broke five National Collegiate Athletics Association records, was the national leader in rushing yards per game and points scored per game in Division II and broke the school and conference rushing record books.

However, one achievement eluded Anderson. Anderson's dream of reaching the National Football League, the dream Anderson had since the age of two, was dashed in April when Anderson was not drafted by any team in the NFL.

"Right now I'm trying to build a resume," Anderson said.

The season started slowly for both Anderson and the Bulldogs, with the Bulldogs dropping two straight games. After those two initial games, however, Anderson could not be contained, rushing for over 2,000 yards for the season and an unbelievable 27 touchdowns in 11 games. His career totals were at the top of almost every category imaginable, leaving him third on the all-division, all-time rushing list, second in the Division II career scoring list, and tied for first with most 1,000 yard seasons in a career.

Over the course of the season, Anderson went on to break the Truman and the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association all-time rushing records in the fourth game of the season against Washburn University (Topeka, Kan.) and wound up breaking over 30 records.

Despite all of his success, Head Coach John Ware said Anderson was able to keep success from going to his head.

"Jarrett keeps things in perspective like more people should," Ware said. "Those type of individuals realize they can always improve."

The driving force behind Anderson's incredible career was his mother, whom Anderson said guided both his career and his life.

"My mom is my mentor, my hero and the biggest thing in my life," Anderson said. "My mom is the reason I am playing this game."

What made Anderson's story more in-

spiring was he managed to do all of this with a tremendous off-field schedule, which was primarily comprised of school work, his job and taking care of his daughter, Akili.

These different aspects of his life took a toll on Anderson, but he said they were matters which needed to be done.

"I basically do what I have to do when I have to do it," Anderson said.

Since the season ended, Anderson

concentrated on the April 19-20 NFL Draft, where he was not drafted.

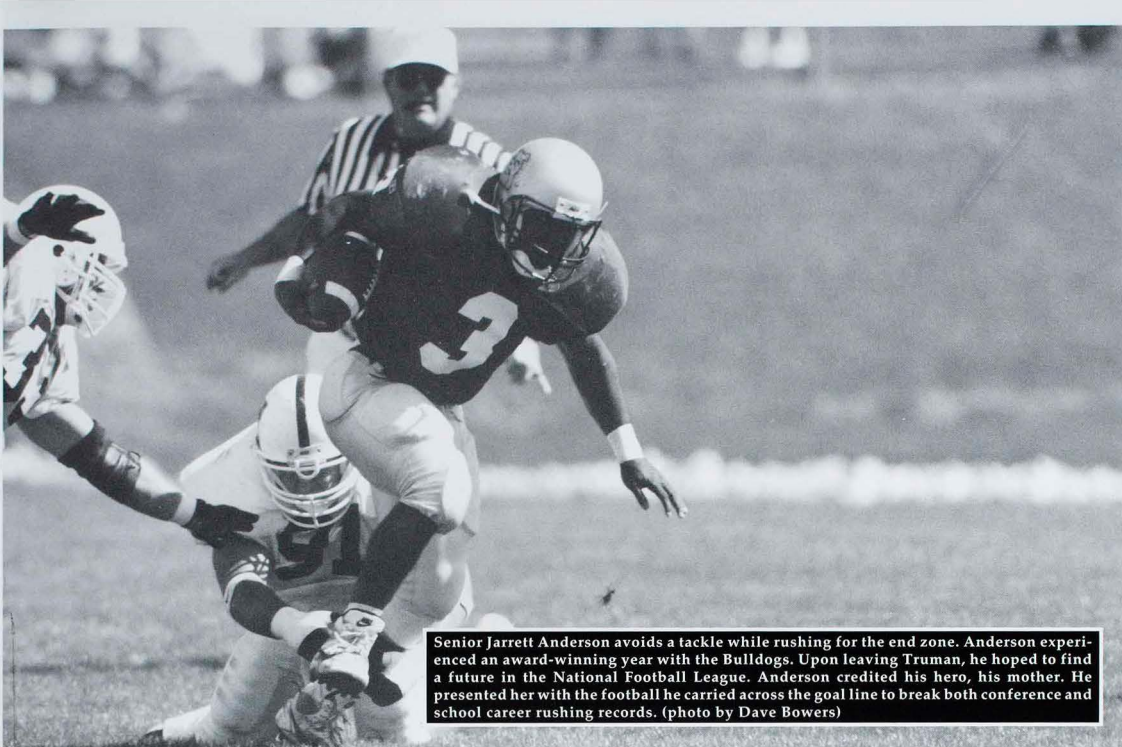
So with an amazing career that spanned four years and saw Anderson break almost every conceivable rushing record in school and conference history, one might have thought Anderson expected the world to serve him. Surprisingly, Anderson's associates said this was 180 degrees in the wrong direction.

Dale 'Paley' Mills, who held the conference and school career rushing records before Anderson, said Anderson developed greatly while at Truman.

"It's been exciting to watch and talk to him since he was a freshman," Mills said. "There is no bravo to him and he gets the job done."

With a record-breaking college career behind him, Anderson looked toward a future in the NFL

By Matthew Schott



Senior Jarrett Anderson avoids a tackle while rushing for the end zone. Anderson experienced an award-winning year with the Bulldogs. Upon leaving Truman, he hoped to find a future in the National Football League. Anderson credited his hero, his mother. He presented her with the football he carried across the goal line to break both conference and school career rushing records. (photo by Dave Bowers)

Bits and Pieces

❖ *Money* magazine named Truman the fourth best buy in the nation and the best buy in the Midwest in its September issue. The University slipped from its 1995 ranking of third in the nation.

Truman was the only public university in Missouri to be named in the top 100 schools. The University had been in the top 20 for the past five years.

❖ After lacking a physician for the first two months of school, the University hired an alumna as its part-time doctor. Dr. Jan Corbett began working in the Student Health Center Oct. 9.

Corbett graduated from Truman in 1975 and Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1983.

She replaced Dr. Mimms Keedy, who resigned as a full-time physician for the center, but remained the health center's collaborative practice physician.

❖ Truman students were brighter over the years, indicating the difference assessment made.

Incoming ACT scores rose over eight points since 1981.

University officials attributed the higher caliber of students to the success of the assessment program, which enhanced Truman's reputation.

Rising ACT scores were not the only proof of assessment's difference. In the last 10 years, the number of students continuing their education rose 300 percent.

❖ In October, joyriders in a tractor

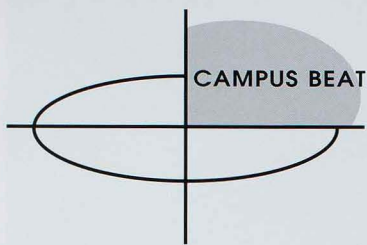
injured three innocent trees near Baldwin Hall.

A tractor was stolen from 607 S. High St., where it was being used for construction. Found with the keys in the ignition, the tractor was driven onto the grassy area between Normal Street and the parking lot north of Baldwin Hall.

The culprits, sophomore Jacob Jones and freshman Scott Wheatley, turned themselves in and were charged with a Class C first-degree felony.

❖ Senior Carl Duffield enjoyed dinner with 25 friends at President Jack Magruder's house Nov. 16.

Duffield was the winner of an essay contest sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa honor society.



Panels of Love

The Knowledge to Teach, The Power to Inspire

by Kelli Hauser

On April 1, Dr. Paul Crabb listened as his students sang his praises.

The associate professor of music was selected from a pool of six finalists for the 1997 Educator of the Year Award.

"There are so many teachers who are worthy of the award that I felt honored just to be included in the process," Crabb said.

Crabb's students weren't surprised when he received the honor.

"When you're a choral director, you have to have a bag of tricks to pull from during rehearsal," graduate Curt Oelschlaeger said. "His bag doesn't have a bottom."

In addition to the graduate classes and voice lessons he taught, Crabb was also director of University Chorus and worked with Cantoria.

After a year-long application process and hundreds of hours of planning, the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt came to Kirksville's Rieger Armory March 20-23. The four-day display was brought to Kirksville to educate the community and to put names and faces on a disease that killed thousands of people every year.

The project was the result of senior Mindi Gjertsen's dream to bring the Quilt, a memorial to people who died with AIDS, to Truman State University and the Kirksville community. Gjertsen was involved in HIV and AIDS education programs during her four years at Truman. Sponsors of the project were the Lifestyles Advocacy Program, Student Activities Board and Prism.

The Quilt was comprised of panels created by family, friends and loved ones of people who died with AIDS. The panels were decorated with items such as hats, sunglasses, song lyrics, human hair, ashes and photographs, and every panel was an insight into the person's life. Each panel was 3 feet by 6 feet, the size of a human grave.

More than 400 panels were displayed, attracting over 4,000 people. March 20 was a school visit day for three area schools. The students received guided tours around the panels, information about HIV and AIDS, and then were left to roam freely to view the Quilt.

Opening Ceremonies were held at 7 p.m. that evening, during which the Quilt was unfolded by teams of volunteers. For the next three days, the Quilt touched the lives of its visitors.

"It made me really, really sad," junior

Erika Beine said. "It was like something out of a movie. I stayed for a whole five minutes before I was in tears. After that I just left my friends and went around by myself."

Over 500 volunteers came to help with the display. Coordinated by senior Mindy Norwood, the volunteers helped as Quilt monitors and greeters. They worked with emotional support, merchandise, new panel check-in and instructed the media.

Bringing the Quilt to Kirksville took a year of preparation. With the help of the

Funds Allotment Council, SAB and Missouri Department of Health, \$14,000 was raised to bring the quilt.

The panels brought to Kirksville represented an eightieth of the actual Quilt, which was displayed in its entirety for the final time in Washington, D.C. in October.

People in the Truman and local communities had the opportunity to request that specific panels be brought to the Kirksville display,

and several local families visited their loved ones' panels.

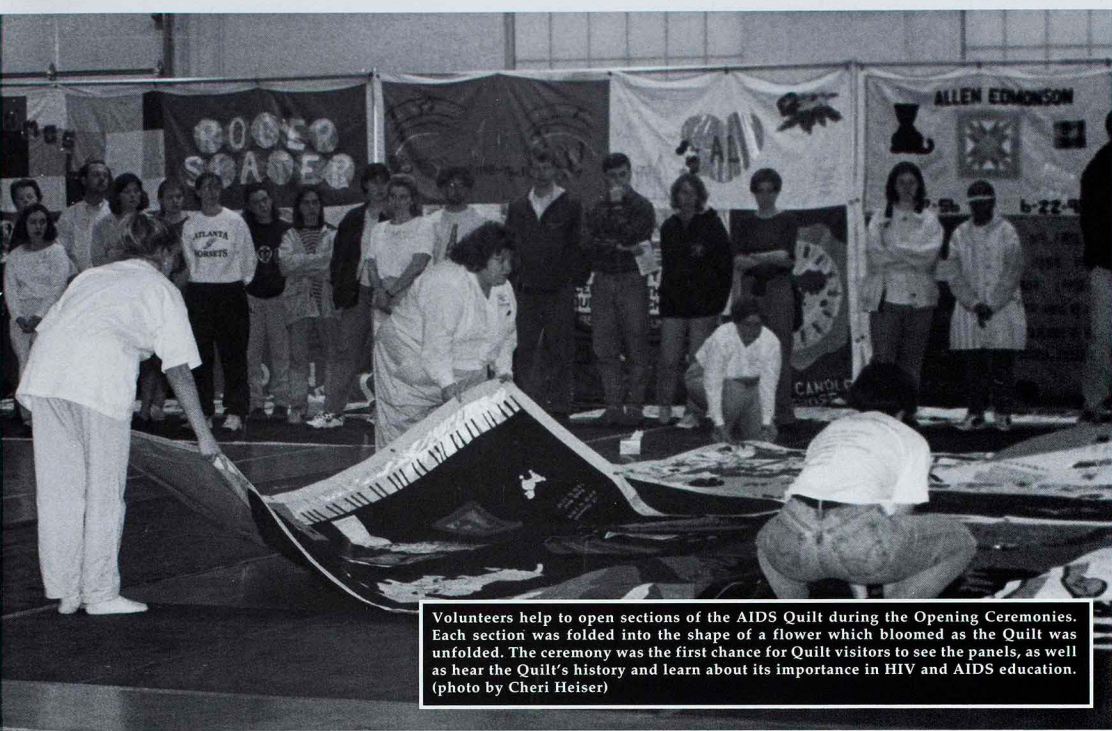
For some of the families, the panels represented their love for their lost son or daughter, husband, wife or friend. For others, seeing tangible evidence that their loved one would be remembered helped finalize their grieving processes.

Senior Paul Sager was one of three groups of people who presented new panels at the Kirksville display. Sager made a panel in memory of his uncle, who died with AIDS in 1991. After his family finished the panel, Sager said he felt like he had accomplished a long-awaited goal.

"I feel more complete now," Sager said.

The AIDS Quilt came to educate and change the lives of people in the campus and Kirksville communities

by Michelle Lozano



Volunteers help to open sections of the AIDS Quilt during the Opening Ceremonies. Each section was folded into the shape of a flower which bloomed as the Quilt was unfolded. The ceremony was the first chance for Quilt visitors to see the panels, as well as hear the Quilt's history and learn about its importance in HIV and AIDS education. (photo by Cheri Heiser)

Bits and Pieces

✦ Student Senate passed a resolution to move all graduation ceremonies to Saturday.

Senate said this would allow the Registrar's Office enough time to check and compile grades.

The 1996 fall graduating class was the first affected by the resolution.

Several benefits of moving the ceremony included giving students the remainder of the weekend to move their belongings, and it was more convenient for families to attend.

✦ The presidential gavel was handed over after the Student Senate elections to senior Kirk McCarty, who won by a landslide.

His running mate, junior Lisa Kays, won her re-election bid for vice-president. The two ran under the slogan

"Great minds don't always think alike."

McCarty beat out junior incumbent Danny Rotert and junior Campus Reactionary candidate Charles Northrup.

✦ Although Faculty Senate tried to make it more difficult for students to drop classes, it didn't work.

Senate approved a \$15 fee to discourage students from dropping courses after the first week of school. Statistics from the Registrar's Office showed the fee did not cause students to drop classes sooner.

The previous fee was \$5. Senate wanted to make students think more seriously about their classes.

✦ Communication majors prepared to see big changes in their re-

quired classes.

The number of required classes was lowered from 12 to nine.

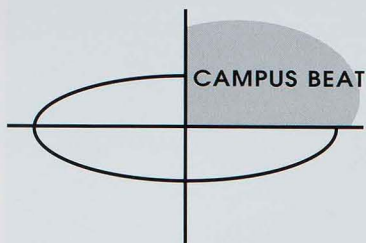
In addition, all journalism and communication courses were united under the prefix "COMM."

The changes would affect incoming freshman and any students choosing to switch to the new curriculum.

✦ Computer Services tried to bring new technology to Truman.

All dot matrix printers were removed from the labs or disabled and replaced with new laser printers.

Students needed laser printing cards to print in the campus labs. Each student was given four cards, for a total of 200 copies, per semester. Additional laser copies were available for 10 cents per page.



Major Merger

Truman Loses a Friend and Alumnus

by Nathan Landsbaum

Northeast Missouri lost a friend over Thanksgiving break.

Flags flew at half-mast following the death of State Representative Jim Sears, a Kirksville native and Truman alumnus. Sears was killed in a one-car accident on Nov. 27.

Sears was well-respected in the Missouri House, and was elected unopposed to his second term Nov. 5.

"Jim bragged to the local media and constantly spread goodwill about the University," President Jack Magruder said. "We have lost a personal friend."

At Truman, Sears was involved in the *Index* and Sigma Tau Gamma social fraternity. He was recently inducted into the Sig Tau Hall of Fame.

Sears was survived by his wife, Deborah, a daughter, Kelsey and a son, Rodney.

Even in Kirksville, health care was a subject of great debate in 1997.

For years, the residents of the town and the students of Truman had the opportunity to choose between Kirksville Osteopathic Medical Center and Grim-Smith Hospital for their medical needs.

KOMC was a major force in the Kirksville community since 1904. The hospital was owned by Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, and operated by Tenet Healthcare Corporation.

Tenet managed KOMC for 11 years. When the groups were first involved, Tenet was known as National Medical Enterprises Inc., a national corporation that managed several hospitals.

In 1994, the federal government charged NME with Medicaid fraud and fined them \$324.2 million, creating the largest civil fraud settlement in Justice Department history, according to the July 7, 1994 edition of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

While the lawsuit did not involve KOMC, it affected another local hospital, Kirksville's only psychiatric hospital.

KCOM-owned Laughlin Pavilion closed its doors in 1994 because of its involvement in the Medicaid scam. Laughlin was to be reopened in 1998 to be used for long-term care and rehabilitative services.

The corporation changed its name to Tenet and changed its ways. With Tenet's help, KCOM's endowment rose to \$30 million. The facilities at KOMC improved with the addition of a spiral CT scanner and a Diagnostic and Treatment Center. In 1995, Tenet proposed to purchase Grim-Smith for more than its value and give the owners a large percentage of voting rights,

but the offer was refused.

The group that refused the proposal was Doctors Limited Liability Corporation, a group of 33 doctors. For two years, talks between Doctors LLC and Tenet were underway. *The Kirksville Daily Express* reported that Doctors LLC was negotiating to buy out Tenet's KCOM lease.

Eventually, during the summer of 1996, Doctors LLC signed a letter of intent to buyout Tenet's position at KOMC.

Some were concerned by the news of only one hospital from which to choose. Others were certain having doctors as the

owners would cause the prices of local health care to increase. The consolidation also meant combined medical services and no more competitions between two health care systems.

On Nov. 22, KOMC, KCOM and Tenet reached a final agreement with the members of Doctors LLC to form Northeast Regional Medical Center. The buyout included the operating leases for KOMC, Laughlin Pavilion and the

George Rea Cancer Treatment Center, all three owned by KCOM.

By December, some of the employees of Grim-Smith moved into KOMC. The hospital was divided in two with the former Grim-Smith location renamed the Patterson campus and the former KOMC being called the Jefferson campus.

The Patterson campus was used for long-term care and rehabilitative services and was scheduled to close when Laughlin reopened. The Jefferson campus became the only emergency room in the area, providing a level three trauma center, an intensive care unit and a cardiac care unit besides surgical services.

**The merging
of Kirksville's
two major
health care
providers
formed a
regional
medical center**

by Betsy Riley

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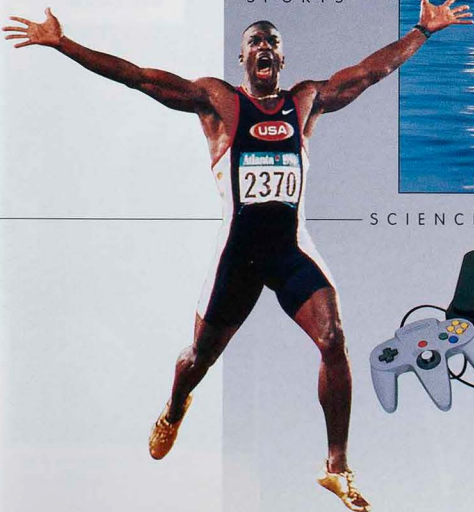
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In November, a hijacked Ethiopian airliner crashes after running out of fuel. The crash occurs near a resort beach in the Comoros Islands in the Indian Ocean. At least 123 of the 175 people on board die, including the hijackers.

After 36 years, Central America's longest civil war ends when Indian rebels and military leftists sign a truce in Guatemala.

British Telecommunications agrees to purchase MCI Communications for up to \$21 billion in November. The deal is the biggest foreign purchase of a U.S. company ever concluded.

A U.N.-negotiated treaty banning chemical weapons worldwide is set to take effect in the spring. The treaty prohibits the development, production, stockpiling or use of chemical weapons, and calls for the destruction of existing supplies. The treaty is signed by 160 nations, including the U.S.



AP/Wide World

Alija Izetbegovic, leader of Bosnia's Muslim Party of Democratic Action, is elected chairman of the country's new three-person presidency in September. The election is held in accordance with provisions of the U.S.-brokered Dayton peace agreement.

AP/Wide World



The Miss World beauty pageant, held in Bangalore, India in November, raises a storm of protests, some violent, including one by a group threatening to stage a mass suicide during the pageant's telecast. A new Miss World is crowned without incident.



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Demonstrators gather in Toronto, Canada on October 25 to protest cutbacks in social services by the Ontario government. Thousands of people march through the city during "Metro Days of Action," organized by labor and social activists.



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A pipe bomb explodes in Centennial Olympic Park after the first day of competition at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Flags fly at half-mast to mourn the 1 person killed and more than 100 injured.

Pope John Paul II undergoes surgery for an inflamed appendix in October. His chief surgeon, Dr. Francesco Crucitti, announces that the 78-year-old leader of the Roman Catholic Church is free from "previously undiscovered serious ailments."



AP/Wide World

King Hussein of Jordan (right) visits the West Bank of the Jordan River in October to show support for the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. It is Hussein's first visit since Jordan lost the territory to Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin wins reelection in July, despite persistent health problems. After successful heart surgery in November he returns to work.



AP Wide World

In a group so large it could be tracked by satellite, hundreds of thousands of refugees abandon camps in Zaire in November and begin a journey home to Rwanda, which they had fled to escape a civil war. Closing of the camps forces the refugees to flee.



AP Wide World

Mass graves containing the bodies of Muslims, allegedly murdered by Serbs in 1992 during the Bosnian civil war, are excavated in Bosnia-Herzegovina throughout the year as a shaky peace negotiated in 1995 continues.

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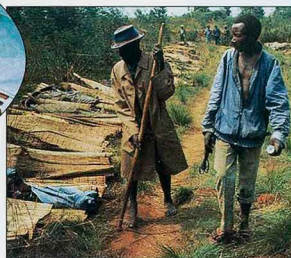


On July 17, Trans World Airlines Flight 800 explodes 13,700 feet above the Atlantic Ocean, killing all 230 passengers and crew members. The Boeing 747-100 was en route to Paris from New York. The cause of the explosion remains a mystery.

Anti-American Saudi terrorists are blamed for a truck bomb that kills 19 U.S. service people on June 25 in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. Mourners grieve at a memorial service held in Khobar, Saudi Arabia.



Agence France-Presse



AP Wide World

More than 300 Tutsi refugees in the African country of Burundi are slain by Hutus, a rival ethnic group. The covered bodies, mostly women and children, illustrate the ferocity of the conflict.



Reuters/Archive Photos

Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, and Diana, Princess of Wales, are divorced on August 28. According to one observer, "The most spectacularly miserable marriage of the century is over."



Tim Graham, Sygma

A lone gunman kills 16 kindergartners, their teacher, and then himself, at a Dunblane, Scotland school in March 1996. A month after the tragedy, officials tear down the school gymnasium in which the shootings occurred.

Israeli right-wing leader Benjamin Netanyahu wins the May 1996 election for Prime Minister, defeating Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whom many Israelis think is making too many concessions to Israel's Arab neighbors.



Tim Graham, Sygma

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The U.S. Army issues strict new policies for drill instructors and female trainees, as hundreds of complaints of sexual harassment are revealed in November. Drill instructors are now required to leave their doors open if a female is inside, and women must travel in pairs.

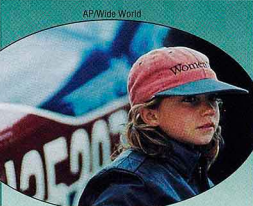
After thousands of veterans complain of illnesses since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, the Pentagon warns they may have been exposed to chemical weapons. The Pentagon reveals that up to two tons of sarin nerve gas may have been released.

Six-year-old beauty pageant queen JonBenet Ramsey is found murdered in the basement of her parents' Colorado home the day after Christmas. Her death raises a nationwide awareness of controversial youth beauty pageants.

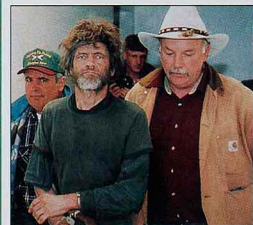
Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Georgia) is fined \$300,000 in a bi-partisan vote after the House Ethics Committee's year-long investigation into alleged financial improprieties.



Former U.N. ambassador Madeleine Albright is nominated for Secretary of State by President Clinton on December 5. Confirmed in office in January 1997, Albright is the first woman to head the State Department.



Seven-year-old pilot Jessica Dubroff is killed when her Cessna airplane crashes shortly after take-off in bad weather from the Cheyenne, Wyoming airport. Her flying instructor and her father, the plane's two passengers, are also killed in the April 1996 crash.



Theodore Kaczynski, alleged to be the "Unabomber," who killed 3 people and wounded more than 20 others with mail bombs since 1978, is arrested in Montana in April 1996. Information provided by Kaczynski's brother leads to the arrest.

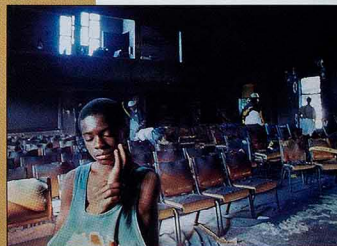


Robert Allison, Contact Press Images

Binti Jua, a gorilla at Chicago's Brookfield Zoo, becomes a hero when she rescues a 3-year-old boy knocked unconscious after falling 18 feet into the ape enclosure. The boy suffers brain contusions but soon recovers.

Arson against African-

American churches, mostly in the South, is a serious problem in 1996, as hundreds of churches are burned down. Residents of Portland, Oregon survey the damage inside a church after a June fire.



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AP/Wide World

One of the longest armed stand-offs in U.S. history occurs outside Jordan, Montana between the FBI and members of an anti-government group calling itself the Freemen. The 81-day siege ends peacefully in June.

On August 11, a


boater rescues 10-year-old Taylor Touchstone from the snake- and alligator-infested waters of a Florida swamp 14 miles away from where he disappeared August 7. Although exhausted and badly scratched, the autistic boy recovers fully.




AP/Wide World



Reuters/Archive Photos


 William Jefferson Clinton defeats Republican Bob Dole and Independent H. Ross Perot to become the 42nd president of the U.S. and the last president of the 20th century. Clinton is the first Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt to be reelected to a second term.




 A civil jury finds former football star O.J. Simpson liable for the June 12, 1994 wrongful deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman. In a unanimous verdict, the jury awards \$8.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman's parents. The Brown and Goldman families are each awarded \$12.5 million in punitive damages.




AP/Wide World

 Days of abnormally heavy rains in November undermine the roadbed of Oregon's Interstate 5, creating a 40-foot-deep sinkhole, into which two semitrailer trucks tumble.

 The Citadel, South Carolina's traditionally all-male military academy, admits four women, including Petra Loventinska (left) and Jeanie Montavlos and another female cadet later drop out, citing harassment and "sadistic" hazing.



AP/Wide World

 Topsail Beach, a town on an island off the coast of North Carolina, is one of many Eastern locations hit hard by Hurricane Bertha in July. Six powerful hurricanes, all with winds over 110 miles per hour, made 1996 a near-record year doing \$3.5 billion in damage in the U.S.




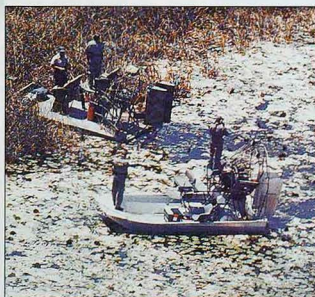
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 Nationwide, forest fires blacken more than twice the acreage lost to fires in an average year: California, Montana and Oregon are particularly hard hit.





Kurt Miller, The Press-Enterprise

 All 110 people aboard a ValuJet DC-9 are killed in May 1996 when a fire breaks out in the cargo hold. The plane, en route from Miami to Atlanta, crashes and disappears almost completely into the Florida Everglades, making it difficult for workers to retrieve wreckage.



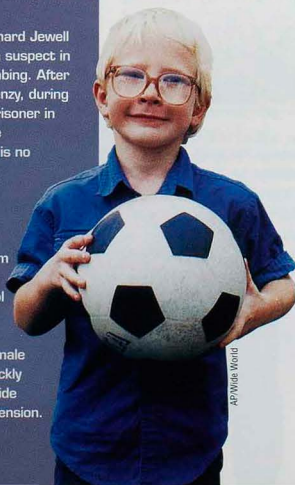
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 Security guard Richard Jewell is investigated as a suspect in the July Olympic Park bombing. After three months of media frenzy, during which Jewell is a virtual prisoner in his home, the U.S. Justice Department admits there is no evidence against him.

 Six-year-old first-grader Johnathan Prevette is suspended from his Lexington, North Carolina elementary school for violating the city schools' sexual conduct guidelines—he kissed a female classmate. Prevette is quickly reinstated after a nationwide controversy over the suspension.



Schwarz, Gamma/Liaison



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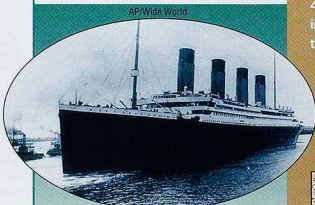
A 9,300-year-old skeleton discovered in July near Richland, Washington is the oldest and most intact set of human bones ever discovered in North America. Research is suspended, however, as the tribes from the Native American grounds where it is found claim the skeleton as an ancestor and want the bones buried.

Trauma Seal, a new medical adhesive that is applied like a lip-balm stick, is in clinical trials at 10 hospitals and health care institutions nationwide. The biodegradable adhesive could eliminate stitches and return visits.

New York Police Department canines begin wearing three-pound, infrared cameras, scouting out potentially dangerous areas before police officers enter the scene. Handlers are developing bullet-proof vests for the dogs to wear.

A new category of animal is discovered in the form of bacteria that live on the lips of lobsters. *Symbion pandora*, which lives on food scraps from lobster lips, is called "the zoological highlight of the decade."

Videogame giant Nintendo releases its long-awaited Nintendo 64, a new hardware system that draws players into the game and moves three times faster than any existing system.



An expedition to raise the *Titanic*, the legendary "unsinkable" ocean liner that sank on its maiden voyage in 1912, from its North Atlantic grave more than two miles deep, ends in August due to rough seas.



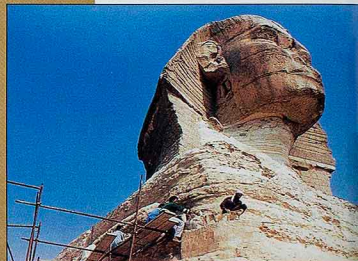
In August, scientists discover evidence of bacteria-like life on a meteorite found in 1984 and believed to be part of the crust of Mars 4.5 billion years ago. It is the first possible proof that life is not unique to Earth.



NASA

American astronaut Shannon Lucid (right) spends 188 days in space, breaking American space endurance records after joining the crew of the Russian space station Mir.

Egyptians begin work to preserve the Great Sphinx from the ravages of wind, pollution and time. The 4,500-year-old statue is located in Giza near the giant pyramids.



AP/Wide World



NASA

The Mars Surveyor Trolley, named Sojourner, is carried on-board *Mars Pathfinder*, an unmanned spacecraft launched in December. Sojourner, a free-roving probe the size of a child's wagon, will photograph the Martian surface and determine the composition of rocks on Mars.

Satellite dishes become one of the year's hottest-selling electronic consumer products. Owners find the savings of not paying for cable services cover the cost within a few months.




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© 1996 Monterey Bay Aquarium. Photography by Randy Wilder




 California's Monterey Bay Aquarium opens a new wing in March 1996. The million-gallon indoor ocean showcases the marine life of the outer reaches of Monterey Bay, 5 to 60 miles offshore.

 The Hubble Space Telescope captures new images of quasars, the universe's most powerful and baffling phenomena. Previously thought only to exist in colliding galaxies, new pictures indicate quasars can also exist in undisturbed galaxies—causing astronomers to revisit their theories.




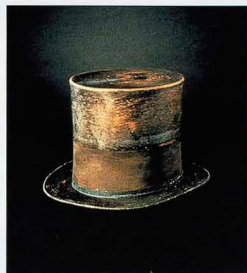
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 Steam and ash from Iceland's Loki volcano blast 33,000 feet in the air on October 9. Molten rock from the volcano's 5-mile-wide fissure melts through more than 2,000 feet of glacial ice, threatening the island with widespread flooding.




O. Spa Bar

 An "oxygen bar" in Toronto, Canada allows patrons to pay \$16 to spend 20 minutes breathing pure oxygen. The owners of the O₂ Spa Bar claim the treatment is a healthy way to reinvigorate the body and offer fruit "flavors" to liven up the experience.





Smithsonian Institution

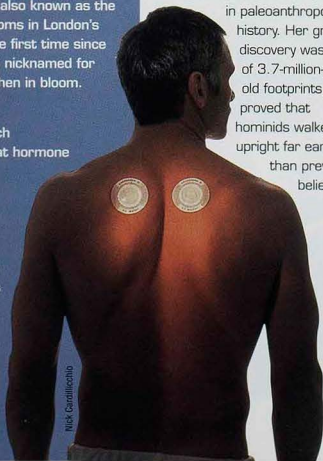
 The Smithsonian Institution celebrates the 150th anniversary of its founding with a nationwide tour of prize exhibits, including this stovepipe hat worn by Abraham Lincoln.




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 The world's largest flower, the Titan Arum, also known as the "corpse flower," blooms in London's Kew Gardens for the first time since 1963. The flower is nicknamed for its strong stench when in bloom.

 New research suggests that hormone therapies can keep middle-aged men stronger and more youthful. A testosterone-releasing skin patch called Androderm is prescribed by many doctors to supplement the natural hormone.



Nick Gualichio

 Paleoanthropologist Mary Leakey, shown with husband Louis Leakey in a 1959 photograph, dies in December. Discoveries by the Leakeys throughout their careers are some of the most important in paleoanthropological history. Her greatest discovery was a trail of 3.7-million-year-old footprints, which proved that hominids walked upright far earlier than previously believed.



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Former NFL commissioner Pete Rozelle dies on December 6. Rozelle is credited with transforming professional football into America's top spectator sport, and with inventing the Super Bowl.

Basketball megastar Michael Jordan launches his own cologne: Michael Jordan Cologne. Demand for the fragrance is so high that manufacturer Bijan Fragrances limits sales to 12 bottles per customer.


The ever-present Cindy Crawford releases a book on applying make-up. *Basic Face* enjoys a long run on the best-seller lists.

The National Women's Hall of Fame opens in Seneca Falls, New York, inducting 11 women, including author Louisa May Alcott, and Oveta Culp Hobby, the nation's first female colonel.

Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin dies of pancreatic cancer in November. Bernardin was known for being a reconciler in churches torn between tradition and modern culture, as well as for speaking out against physician-assisted suicide.


Steven M. Falk, Gamma Liaison



 Mother Teresa, 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner, suffers a heart attack in late December: It is the 86-year-old Roman Catholic nun's fourth serious illness in 1996.

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 In April 1996, singer Michael Jackson is seen escorting a woman later identified as Debbie Rowe, an employee of Jackson's plastic surgeon. In November, Jackson announces that he and Rowe are married and that she is carrying his child.

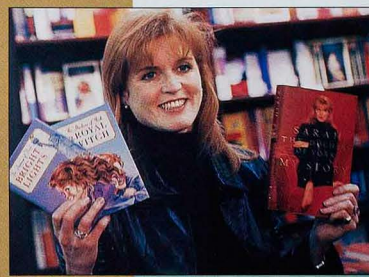


Steve Granitz, Retna



AP/Wide World


 Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, and Prince Andrew, Duke of York and son of Great Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, are divorced in May 1996. "Fergie" subsequently goes public with TV appearances and an autobiography.




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 Music megastar Madonna gives birth to Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon, a 6-pound, 9-ounce girl, on October 14. Madonna's big year continues when she wins a Golden Globe for her role in Andrew Lloyd Webber's on-screen rendition of the musical *Evita*.

 In October, TV talk-show host Jenny Jones testifies during the Michigan murder trial of Jonathan Schmitz. Schmitz was accused of killing Scott Amedure, who revealed romantic feelings for Schmitz during a March 1995 taping of a "Jenny Jones Show."



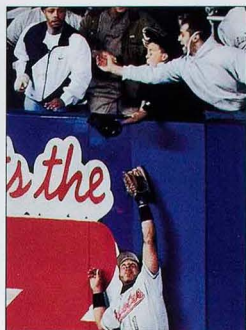
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 "The Late Show" host David Letterman (right), who had been hinting at retirement, resigns his contract with CBS, keeping him at "The Late Show" through 2002.



Stephane Cardinale, Sygma

In a small, secret ceremony on an island off the coast of Georgia, John F. Kennedy Jr. marries Carolyn Bessette, a Calvin Klein publicist, in September. Kennedy, who dated Bessette for two years, had long been considered one of the world's most eligible bachelors.



AP/Wide World

New York Yankees fan Jeffrey Maier interferes with a fly ball during game one of the American League Championship Series on October 9. The hit is ruled a home run, tying the game 4 to 4 in the eighth inning and making Maier New York's hero for a day.



AP/Wide World

Legendary heavyweight boxer Muhammad Ali is the final athlete to bear the Olympic torch, lighting the Olympic flame at the opening of the Centennial Summer Olympics in Atlanta on July 19.



John F. Kennedy Library

More than 4,000 items owned by former First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and President John F. Kennedy are auctioned off in April 1996, including a necklace of simulated pearls shown in this 1962 photograph. The fake pearls, valued at \$500 to \$700, sell for \$211,500, bringing the auction total to \$34.5 million.



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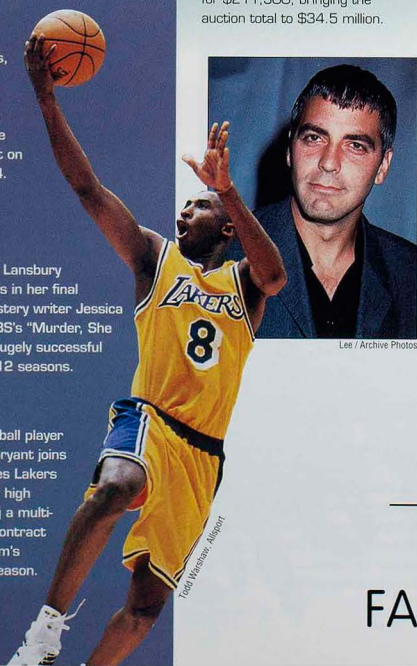
Miss Kansas, Tara Dawn Holland, is crowned Miss America at the 1996 pageant on September 14.



Universal City from Shooting Star

Angela Lansbury appears in her final season as mystery writer Jessica Fletcher on CBS's "Murder, She Wrote." The hugely successful show ran for 12 seasons.

Basketball player Kobe Bryant joins the Los Angeles Lakers straight out of high school, signing a multi-million dollar contract during the team's 1996-1997 season.



Lee / Archive Photos

Veteran comedian George Burns dies in March 1996, just weeks after reaching the age of 100. The legendary Burns won an Oscar, an Emmy and a Grammy Award in an illustrious career dating back to vaudeville.

As a stand against the invasion of his privacy, George Clooney, star of NBC's "ER," boycotts Paramount's "Entertainment Tonight" after its sister show "Hard Copy" runs unauthorized footage of the actor's private life.

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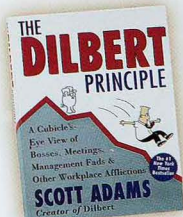
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Tom Cruise stars in *Jerry Maguire*, a romantic comedy about a sports agent who decides to change his shallow ways, and spends the rest of the movie trying to regain his success. It is a breakthrough role for Cruise, who is normally depicted as a cocky winner.

To honor the 20th anniversary of its release, producer George Lucas issues a "remade" *Star Wars*, with new scenes, computerized special effects and souped-up animation. Lucas' grand plan calls for a nine-film cycle, including prequels.

English actor/director Kenneth Branagh plays Hamlet in his star-studded remake of Shakespeare's classic. Despite running four hours, the movie is a critical and box-office success.

NBC's Thursday night drama "ER" features television's first HIV-positive prominent character. Jeanie Boulet, a physician's assistant played by Gloria Reuben, is relatively open about her condition and helps confront the stigma of AIDS.

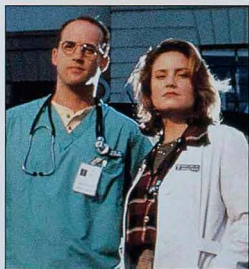


Scott Adams' *Dilbert*, the comic strip about office politics, captures the nation's imagination. In book form, *The Dilbert Principle* becomes a national best-seller.

20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Actors Winona Ryder and Daniel Day-Lewis star in *The Crucible*, which opens in December. The screen adaptation of Arthur Miller's famous play about the Salem witch trials is written by Arthur Miller himself.



Sherry Stringfield, Dr. Susan Lewis on NBC's "ER," leaves the show at the peak of her character's popularity. In her final episode, when Dr. Mark Greene, played by Anthony Edwards, declares his love for Susan, the show garners its highest ratings ever.



Paramount Pictures from Kobal

Patrick Stewart (left) and Brent Spiner (right) star in *Star Trek: First Contact*, a movie featuring characters from the TV show "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

Drew Carey (left) finds TV stardom during the second season of ABC's "The Drew Carey Show," a zany sit-com about working-class characters in Cleveland, Ohio.



Warner Bros. TV from Shooting Star



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

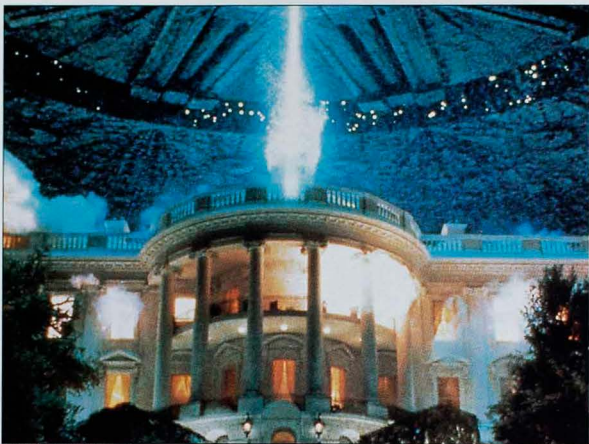
Model Brooke Shields (center) moves to television in NBC's "Suddenly Susan," a sit-com premiering in September. Shields plays a columnist opposite magazine editor Judd Nelson (far right).



Author Michael Crichton publishes *The Lost World*, a sequel to *Jurassic Park*, the colossal novel and movie. The new book promises to generate just as much hype, with a movie already in the works.



NBC from Shooting Star



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star



Warner Bros. from Kobal

Explosive special effects rivet audiences to their seats as they watch *Independence Day*, one of summer's blockbuster movies.

Bugs Bunny and Chicago Bulls basketball star Michael Jordan share top billing in *Space Jam*, a partially animated feature film that opens in late November.



20th Century Fox from Shooting Star

Actors Brad Pitt (left) and Jason Patric star in *Sleepers*, a film about four men and their extraordinary scheme to revenge the abuse they experienced as boys. The controversial movie also stars Dustin Hoffman, Robert De Niro and Kevin Bacon.



Paramount from Shooting Star

In September, Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes star as the classic star-crossed lovers in the film *Romeo and Juliet*.

Tom Cruise stars in *Mission: Impossible*, based on the 1960s and '70s television series of the same name. Despite critical put-downs, the movie is a huge box-office hit.



John Lithgow (front right) earns both an Emmy and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Comedy Series in NBC's "3rd Rock From the Sun," a sit-com about a family of aliens living in contemporary America.



Warner Bros. from Kobal



CBS from Shooting Star

America's favorite sit-com father, Bill Cosby, enjoys the success of his new CBS show, "Cosby." In January 1997, however, tragedy strikes as Cosby's son Ennis is killed in Los Angeles in an apparent random robbery.



Warner Bros. from Kobal

Stars Bill Paxton and Helen Hunt flee a tornado of awesome proportions in *Twister*, another summer blockbuster, which tells the story of storm chasers highly devoted to studying the inner workings of tornadoes.

Michael J. Fox returns to television in September as a deputy mayor in ABC's "Spin City," a sit-com about the inner workings of New York's City Hall.



Dream Works SKG from Shooting Star

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Folk and blues artist Tracy Chapman returns to the scene in 1996 with the single "Give Me One Reason." Chapman receives five Grammy nominations in January 1997.

The artist formerly known as Prince releases *Emancipation*, a three-hour, three-CD album, in honor of his release from his Warner Bros. recording contract.

Guitarist Slash of Guns N' Roses forms his own band. His new group, Slash's Blues Ball, is a six-man blues band grounded in the blues-based hard rock of the 1970s.

Rocker Sheryl Crow joins the ranks of musicians who have had their albums banned from Wal-Mart. The retail giant objects to a lyric alleging that kids kill each other with guns they obtained from the store.



The Beatles' *Anthology 3*, the third and final album from the reunited remaining members of the band, is released in November. Following the example of their two previous anthologies, *Anthology 3* sells in record numbers.

Gary Malerba, LGI



Kiss bass guitarist Gene Simmons strikes a familiar pose as the band kicks off a reunion tour with a June 28 concert in Detroit. The tour marks the first time the original members of the band perform together since 1979.



Tim Moser/Redder, LGI



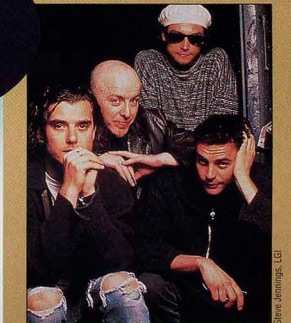
Canadian pop artist Celine Dion tops the charts in 1996 with the album *Falling Into You*, which sells more than 16 million copies worldwide.



Kipa, LGI



Alternative-rock band Nirvana releases a new album, *From the Muddy Banks of the Wishkah*, in October. The album contains 17 live tracks recorded between 1989 and the 1994 suicide of singer Kurt Cobain (right).



Steve Jennings, LGI



Jane Harrington, LGI



Bush, a British rock group with an American "grunge" sound, tours the U.S. to promote their album *Sixteen Stone*. They release another chart-topping album, *Razorblade Suitcase*, in the winter.



Steve Jennings, LGI



Heavy metal band Metallica is the headlining act for the summer concert Lollapalooza, traditionally an alternative-rock show. Metallica remains high-profile, winning an MTV award for the year's Best Hard Rock Video in September.



After 10 years of separation, members of the band Van Halen are reunited with their former lead singer, David Lee Roth (right), at the MTV Video Music Awards in September. Roth later claims he thought he was rejoining the band, who chose a different lead singer.



Redder/Active Photos



Steve Jennings, LGI



No Doubt, fronted by lead singer Gwen Stefani, releases *Tragic Kingdom*, which includes such chart-toppers as "Just a Girl," "Spiderwebs," and "Don't Speak."



Counting Crows' second album, *Recovering the Satellites*, is released in October. The long awaited follow-up to 1993's *August and Everything After* debuts at number one on the charts.



Adam Starr, LGI



George Strait is honored by the Country Music Association in October with three major awards—Single of the Year for "Check Yes or No," Album of the Year for *Clear Blue Sky*, and Male Vocalist of the Year.



The hit single "Where It's At" kicks off the new Beck album *Odelay*, which is released to popular and critical acclaim. *Spin* magazine awards Beck Artist of the Year.



Mike Hashimoto/NIGI from LGI



Tim Mosenfelder, LGI



Photo: Richard Phillips

Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill* reigns the charts, becoming the all-time top-selling album by a female artist. Morissette also dominates the 1996 Grammys by winning four awards, including Best Album.



Death Row Records co-founder Dr. Dre, often dubbed the "godfather of 'gangsta' rap," begins distancing himself from hard-core rap. "Been There, Done That," his break-away anthem, premieres on MTV in September.



R.E.M.'s 12th album, *New Adventures in Hi-Fi*, the group's first recording since 1994's *Monster*, is released by Warner Bros. in September.



The Wallflowers, with Jakob Dylan, son of legendary folk artist Bob Dylan, release *Bringing Down the Horse*, which features hit singles "One Headlight" and "6th Avenue Heartache."



Fourteen-year-old singing sensation LeAnn Rimes is nominated for the Country Music Association's Horizon Award after the breakthrough success of her single "Blue." The popular new star is often compared to country music legend Patsy Cline.



Beck, LGI



Toni Braxton's second album, *Secrets*, is released in summer 1996. Braxton wins R&B Single of the Year for "Let It Flow" at the *Billboard* Music Awards in the fall.



AP/Wide World



The music world is stunned in September by the death of rapper Tupac Shakur, killed in a drive-by shooting in Las Vegas. Speculations as to the killer's motive abound, but the year ends with no answers and no arrests.

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Tennis pro Pete Sampras wins the eighth grand-slam title of his career at the U.S. Open in September. Steffi Graf wins the U.S. Open Women's title, beating Monica Seles.

Pro boxer Mike Tyson loses his Heavyweight Champion of the World title to Evander Holyfield in a November match. Holyfield, a former two-time world champion, reclaims his title in the surprise win.

Chicago Bulls star Dennis Rodman furthers his controversial reputation by kicking a photographer in the groin during a game against the Minnesota Timberwolves in January 1997. Rodman is suspended for up to 11 games without pay, costing him more than \$1 million, in addition to a \$25,000 fine to the NBA, as well as a reported \$200,000 settlement with the photographer.

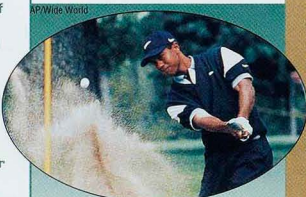
Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar is suspended for five games, deferred to the 1997 season, when he spits on an umpire during a heated argument over a questionable call in the National League play-offs. Controversy ensues over the leniency of the punishment.

Calgary



Team USA wins the World Cup of Hockey, beating Canada 5-2 in the final. Eight teams from Canada, Europe and the U.S. participate in the World Cup, which replaced the Canada Cup.

AP/Wide World



Twenty-year-old golfing phenom Eldrick "Tiger" Woods turns pro in August, making the transition from exceptional amateur golfer to well-endorsed professional, including a deal with Nike worth an estimated \$40 million.

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Craig Jones, Allsport



Al Bello, Allsport

In June, the Colorado Avalanche beat the Florida Panthers in the NHL Stanley Cup play-offs. The final game in the series remains scoreless until 1:05 a.m., when the Avalanche finally score the winning goal in the third overtime period.



Al Bello, Allsport

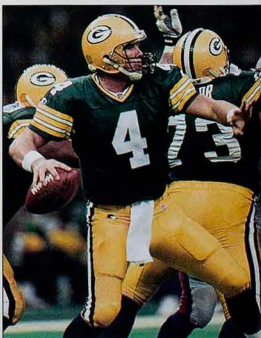


Reuters/Archive Photos

Paul Molitor of the Minnesota Twins becomes the 21st player in major league history to reach 3,000 career hits. The milestone is reached in September, when Molitor triples against Kansas City Royals rookie pitcher Jose Rosado.

Race car driver Terry Labonte wins NASCAR's Winston Cup championship with a total of 4,657 points after finishing fifth in the final race, the Napa 500, at the Atlanta Motor Speedway.

Led by quarterback Brett Favre, the Green Bay Packers beat the New England Patriots 35-21 in Super Bowl XXXI at the Louisiana Superdome. It is the Packers' first Super Bowl since 1968.

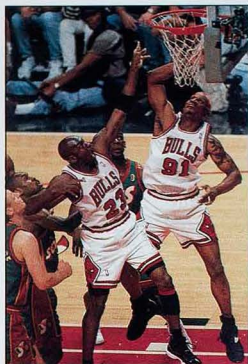



AP/Wide World



 The U.S. women's gymnastics team takes the gold at the Summer Olympics. Kerri Strug, second from right, is the heroine of the competition, landing her final vault despite a dislocated left ankle.


 U.S. swimmer Amy Van Dyken wins the women's 100-meter butterfly event at the Olympic Games with a time of 59.13 seconds. Van Dyken wins a total of four golds.



 The Chicago Bulls win their fourth NBA championship in six years as they defeat the Seattle SuperSonics in game six of the NBA finals on June 16.




 U.S. Olympian Dan O'Brien racks up 8,824 points to take the gold medal in the decathlon, a grueling, 10-event track-and-field competition.


 April 1996 marks the 100th running of the Boston Marathon. More than 38,000 contenders participate.




 Jean Driscoll (front right) of the U.S. takes the silver in the women's 800-meter wheelchair race, a demonstration sport, at the Summer Olympics. Driscoll, seven-time winner of the Boston Marathon, retires at the end of 1996, after setting several world records during her career.

 Olympic swimmer Tom Dolan captures another gold for the U.S. as he wins the 400-meter individual medley on July 21. Dolan wins with a time of 4:14.90.




 U.S. Olympian Michael Johnson wins the 200-meter final in a world-record time of 19.32 seconds. Johnson's triumph comes three days after he wins the 400-meter race, making him the first man to win both events in one Olympics.



 Minnesota Twins star centerfielder Kirby Puckett announces his retirement from baseball in July. A serious eye ailment forces Puckett to give up the game, but he manages to maintain his upbeat attitude at press conferences and interviews.



 Basketball star Shaquille O'Neal jumps from the Orlando Magic to the Los Angeles Lakers in July. The deal is the richest in NBA history, paying O'Neal \$120 million over 7 years.

LIFESTYLE

flash

Helping consumers maintain privacy, marketers promote home AIDS tests. Consumers draw their own blood and then send it away to be tested confidentially.

Advancing technology means more options on telephones, including Caller ID, which becomes more common than ever in 1996. The display unit allows people to see the name and number of their caller before even answering the phone.

Authors Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider release *The Rules*, a controversial manual teaching women strategies for getting a man to propose marriage. While the book draws criticism from both sexes, it is a best-seller.

The U.S. Postal Service issues stamps commemorating Hanukkah, the first non-Christian religious holiday ever featured on a stamp.

Casual Fridays become more and more widespread in American work culture. Businesses allow employees who normally dress in professional clothing at work to wear more comfortable, casual clothing on Fridays.



A "Sesame Street" stuffed toy causes panic among holiday shoppers. Tickle Me Elmo sells out in stores nationwide, and has shoppers fighting over scarce inventory and paying hundreds of times the toy's value.

My Twinn Doll Company



The My Twinn Doll Company offers individually crafted dolls that replicate, from a photo, the eye color, hair and facial features of a living girl. Each doll comes with two matching outfits, one for the doll and one for the owner.



Nail polish colors get darker and funkier: Deep browns and blues are popular forms of expression and style.



Mosca Almeida, NYT Pictures

The ongoing dance craze is the "Macarena," a Latin line dance. People of all ages participate in the dance, including Olympians, delegates and workers of the Democratic National Convention (above) and the New York Yankees grounds crew.



The minimum wage is raised to \$4.75 in October, and will increase again to \$5.15, effective September 1, 1997.



The beverage industry introduces a new concept—bottled water with caffeine! One bottle of the uncarbonated water contains as much caffeine as one cup of coffee.

Disney's 101

Dalmatians inspires an avalanche of promotional merchandise, filling stores with spotted toys, backpacks, games and other odds and ends.



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A Tragic Ending

by Jennifer Odefey

A traffic accident south of campus resulted in the death of a Truman student Jan. 14.

Senior Julie Weggesser died after she was struck by a pickup truck near Barnett Hall. She was walking along the corner of South Franklin. The truck was driven by Scott Patterson, 16, of Kirksville.

Her death had a tremendous impact on campus, both to those who knew her personally and those who did not.

The University held a memorial service on Jan. 23 at the Eternal Flame attended by more than 200 people. The Catholic Newman Center also dedicated a Mass to Weggesser.

The accident led to Student

Senate's push for more stoplights near campus. Senate asked the Kirksville City Council to place a stoplight in front of Barnett Hall and at the intersection of Franklin and Normal streets.

Amy DeBaets, Senate external affairs community chair, said Senate had considered the proposal for several years. After the accident, they made a unanimous decision to adopt the proposal.

"It was a matter of timing," DeBaets said. "The accident was a key push factor."

The city council considered the proposal and examined the feasibility of the stoplights.

A marker and flowers at the Jan. 14 accident site are symbols placed by students to honor the memory of Julie Weggesser. During the Spring semester, a scholarship was established in Weggesser's name. Following the accident, Student Senate pushed for additional traffic lights. (photo by Aaron Manfull)



Bits and Pieces

✦ In November, three Kirksville travelers learned more than they wanted to know about emergency landings.

The 1969 Cessna Cardinal the residents were flying in experienced engine failure and the pilot was forced to land immediately.

The plane's passengers were senior Brandon Hahs, sophomore Joshua Meyer and his father, Jerry. All three and the pilot, William Walters, walked away with minor injuries.

✦ It was the year for construction in Kirksville, and the local Habitat for Humanity chapter wasn't about to miss its cue.

The group purchased land on Patterson Avenue for its first project. They began looking at applicants in

April and planned to begin building over the summer.

✦ It was a couch potato's dream come true as Cablecom of Kirksville planned an expansion of its cable services.

The company began an upgrade project which would make the system capable of carrying up to 78 channels via a fiber-optic network. The project was set for completion by the end of 1997.

✦ Rush hour in Kirksville had a promising future as the Missouri Department of Transportation planned to relocate U.S. Highway 63 with an 11.7 mile bypass.

The relocation would begin a half mile north of Wal-Mart and would

end south of Millard. Construction was slated to begin in 1999.

✦ It was a whole new world as Kirksville prepared to welcome telecommunications to town.

The University of Missouri Outreach and Extension, Northeast Regional Medical Center, Kirksville school district and Truman State University took part in planning the proposed Telecommunications Community Resource Center.

The University of Missouri provided 60 percent of the costs, and each of the other groups contributed 10 percent.

The center would include an interactive learning classroom, offices, a computer room and an interactive video conference room.

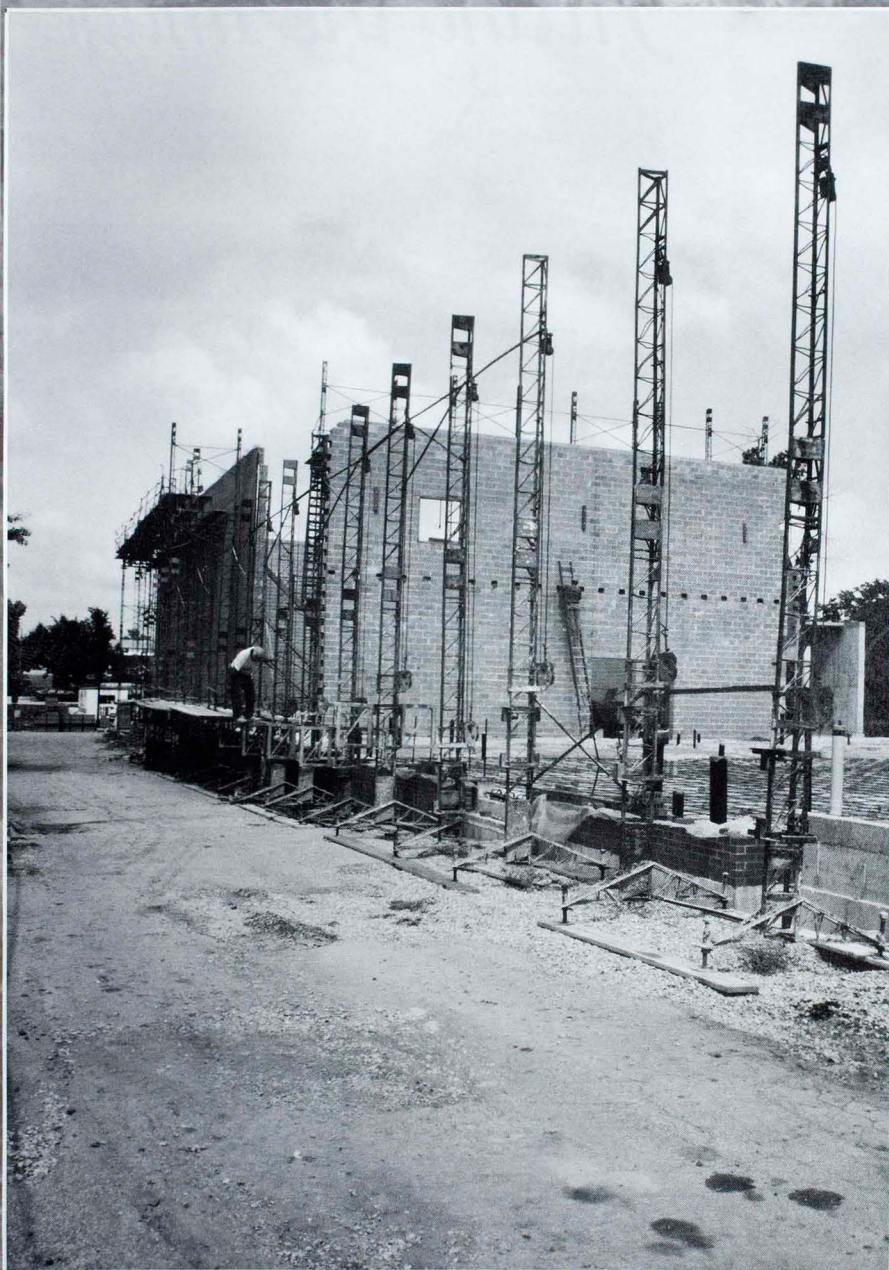
student life

The image of Truman was nothing more than a reflection of its students. The students at Truman were a reflection of their experience. It was an experience which began when they first arrived on campus, unsure of what loomed ahead. So the students began their lives at Truman—lives which would encompass everything from laundry to smoking. They celebrated the University's tradition and namesake at the first Truman Day. The celebration continued as students enjoyed a "Famous Firsts" Homecoming, painting the campus canvas and welcoming a new royal couple. As the students welcomed their families to their home away from home, the University observed another first—Family Day. Location was a first for the annual Day of the Dog, making its premiere off the quad. In the spirit of name changes, residential living tagged their campus leaders student advisers. Some students fled from the dorms to face the freedoms and challenges of off-campus living. On campus or off, the image of a student was universal in many ways. Childhood memories united students as they delighted in the re-release of the "Star Wars" trilogy. Whether honoring Martin Luther King or celebrating the art of kissing, students created an image all their own. Each unique perspective created a unified student body. Throughout it all, students molded their lives at Truman by appreciating the images around them. The force was with them.

Create An Image

Cindy McCabe, Section Editor

Laura Zyk, Section Designer



Student Rec Center

Truman eagerly awaits completion of the Student Rec Center, located north of Centennial Hall. The rec center's planning began nearly three years earlier. Construction began in December 1995 and was scheduled to be completed by summer 1997. The facility cost approximately \$5.9 million, and would provide students with a variety of choices such as basketball courts, weight training and aerobics. Once the facility was complete, Pershing Building was for the use of varsity teams only. Students would be required to use the rec center for recreational purposes.

Fitting the Image

They crossed their fingers and said their prayers. The freshmen spent the day hoping the rain would not fall as their parents helped them move into the dorms.

Luck was on the side of the freshmen. The weather cooperated with the hauling of the carpet, the exploring of the town, the trampling of the quad and the mass exodus to Wal-Mart. With crates all moved in, last minute stops over and goodbyes said, the freshmen were ready to begin their week.

In the midst of all the excitement, the purpose of Freshman Week was almost forgotten. Freshman Week was designed to give the freshmen some time to become familiar with the campus and their peers before the upperclassmen arrived. Freshman liked having the time to get used to the Truman scene.

"You could walk around campus and smile at everyone and know that they were freshmen," freshman Emily Schuering said.

This 1996 freshman class was the first to experience the restructured version of Freshman Week. Complaints in years past that Freshman Week classes were not uniform led the University to take measures toward consistency.

Freshman Week teachers had to incorporate many items into their schedules. A mixture of class and small-group discussions was required in addition to short lectures. The freshmen were expected to meet writing and reading requirements outside of class with a 500-word maximum writing assignment. The instructors responded to the assignments with verbal and written comments to help students get used to the college grading system.

Freshman Week also allotted time outside of the classroom for the classes to explore other avenues of campus life. This was necessary not only for peace of mind, but because of limited classroom space that required the Freshman Week classes to be split into morning and afternoon sessions. Once outside the classroom, the classes took tours of the campus and of Kirksville, learned how to use the e-mail system and got a feel for normal life on campus.

"I thought it was a very nice week," freshman Naedrie Olmstead said. "It was a good way to get to know people with only freshmen up here."

The week was not without its criticisms.

"It was too structured," freshman Marken Gannon said. "I didn't have enough time to do everything because of meetings and classes and

activities."

The week was a mixture of everything from classes to fun and, for the most part, accomplished its goals of welcoming freshmen to their new home away from home.

—by Jennifer Baumann

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—freshman Emily Schuering



A student carries his belongings to his dorm room. Students had from one to three roommates depending on the size of their room. Some personalized their rooms to create a true home away from home. (photo by Tina Patel)

Students test their luck at gambling on Casino Night. Evening activities allowed for students to meet fellow freshmen outside their Freshman Week class. Other evening activities included an ice cream social, Karaoke, line dancing and a comedian sponsored by the Student Activities Board. (photo submitted)



FRESHMAN WEEK
EVENING
ACTIVITIES

- August 18 Ice Cream Social
- August 19 Dance on the Mall
Volleyball
- August 20 Line Dancing (with lessons)
- August 21 Dodgeball
- August 22 Karaoke & Cotton Candy
- August 23 SAB Comedian: Kivi Rogers



Students gather outside Centennial Hall, taking a break from the hassle of moving in, to meet the people who they will be living with for the year. After checking in, students got their first taste of college food at the picnic that evening. Due to the rain, the "picnic" was moved to the gymnasium in Pershing Building. (photo by Tina Patel)

Smothered Flame

As smoking became more of a taboo subject in American society, the will to smoke seemed to strengthen on campus.

A cigar club, led by senior Jay Anielak and junior Jake Cowan, was formed with about 20 members.

"I basically formed the group for two reasons," Anielak said. "First, smoking is a hobby and an interest of mine, and this gives us a collective group."

"Reason two is that it is an advocacy group for smokers' rights. I think campus policy on smoking is oppressive."

Anielak said he was opposed to the fact that every building on campus was smoke-free. He thought there should be self-contained areas specifically set aside for smokers. He pointed out that Main Street Market in the Student Union Building no longer had a smoking section.

Other students had different opinions on campus smoking restrictions.

"I think it's cool," senior Scott Bahan said. "When I'm not smoking, I feel like puking when I smell it."

Junior Robert Kellogg said he did not care about the restrictions because he did not want to smoke on campus anyway.

The smokers had creative reasons for continuing their habit despite the restrictions, ranging from stress-relief to oral fixation. Others were unable to provide a reason and recognized the effects of smoking.

"I am coughing right now, and asking myself the same question," Bahan said. "Honestly, I am going to quit. I worry about it all the time, especially when I see old people lighting up and then coughing."

Other students rationalized their habit.

"My reasoning is twofold," Kellogg said. "I am going to die anyway so why not enjoy it. The years of my life that I might lose by smoking are the wheelchair years. They can have those."

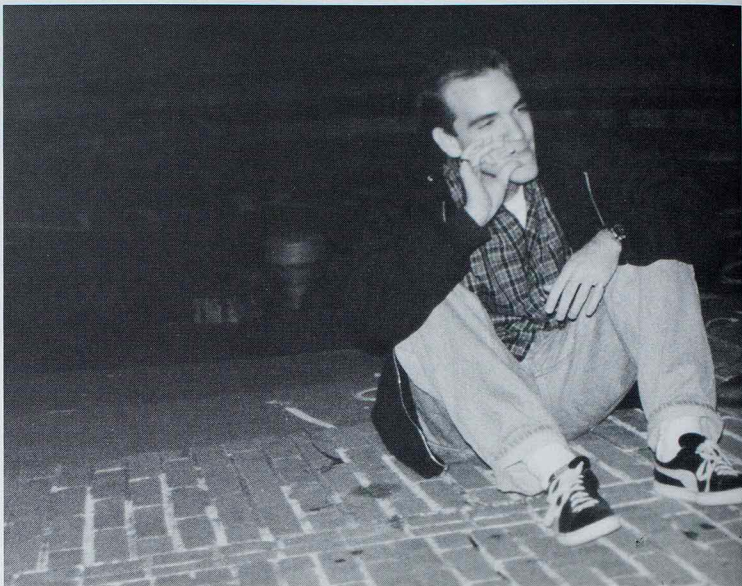
"Secondly, statistics have shown a positive correlation between smoking and cancer, however, correlation does not prove causation."

The consensus seemed to be that smoking at Truman was just like anywhere else in America. There were restrictions, but not a great difference between the smoker and the non-smoker.

"I don't see much difference between smokers and non-smokers," freshman Paul Mueller said. "It's not a major thing. I am not an outcast."

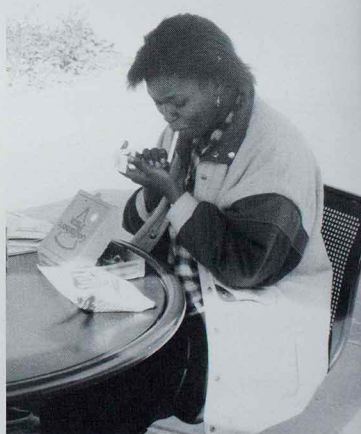
by Kevin Bersett

Junior Aaron Popp, member of the Truman Pipe, Cigar and Tobacco Club, sits beside the fountain enjoying his cigar. He enjoyed meeting every week to talk, relax, and smoke with fellow club members. Members hoped the first-year club would continue to thrive and grow.



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~senior Jay Anielak



Senior Nicole Owens lights a cigarette outside of Mainstreet Market. While some students had no problems with the restrictions, others did. Smokers did not think their hobby should be subjected to restrictions.

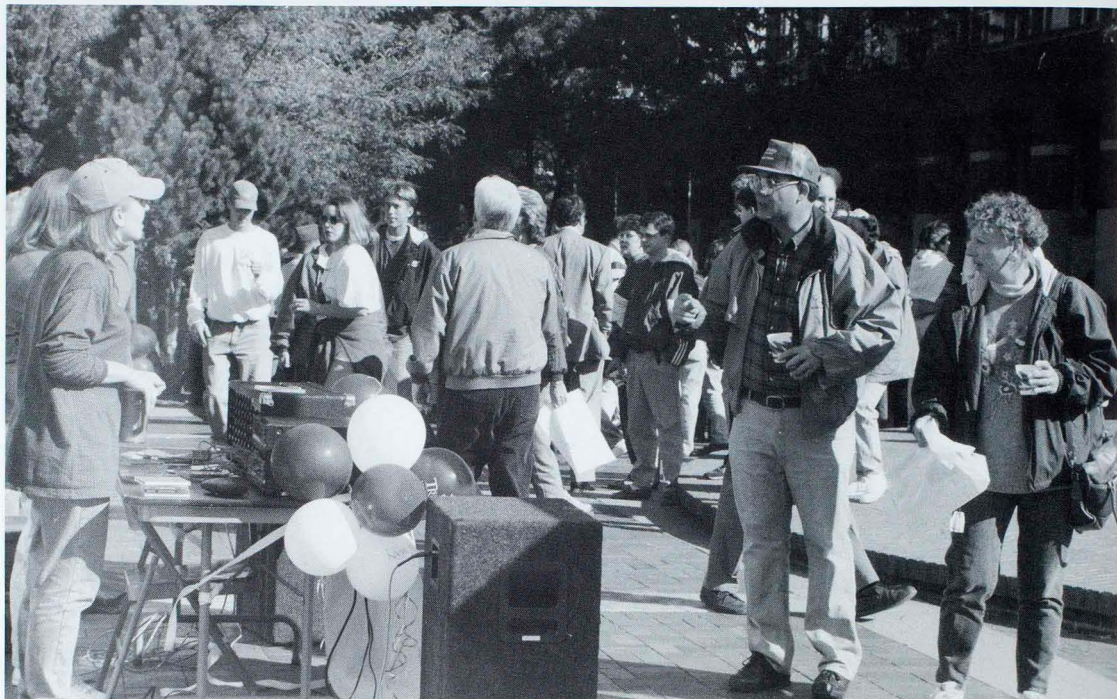


Students Aaron Popp, Brad Feuster, Matt Spomer, Sean Orear, and Barry Wagoner gather around the fountain while smoking tobacco. These were just a few members of the newly founded Truman Pipe, Cigar and Tobacco Club. This organization met every Thursday night to smoke and talk.



Seniors Katie Boelhauf and Nicole Owens smoke outside of the Student Union Building because there were not any smoking areas inside the building. Some students were angry that there were no indoor smoking areas available. They were concerned about smoking outside when cold weather hit. (photos by Hemal Patel)

Parents enjoy Coffee on the Mall, an event sponsored by Truman's Parents Council. Morning on the Mall gave students and their families a chance to visit with faculty, meet other parents and learn more about the Parents Council. This was the first year for the event formerly known as Parents Day under its new name, Family Day.



Students, their families and Kirksville residents explore the square downtown. Family Day brought an additional 2,000 people to town for the weekend. Approximately \$150,000 to \$200,000 was spent locally at hotels, restaurants and stores.



FAMILY DAY ACTIVITIES

September 18

9:30 - 10:20 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
1 p.m.
1:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

Morning on the Mall
Presidential Address
Tailgate Lunch
Bulldog Soccer
Bulldog Football
Jim Wand, Master
of the Mind

Making Changes

As the University began a new year with a new name, it seemed only fitting for another name to change as Parents Day became Family Day.

Some students wondered why the change took place. Heidi Templeton, director of public relations, said the idea was "tossed around" for a number of years, and that it seemed only appropriate to make the change after Northeast became Truman State University.

The primary reason for the change was student and parental concern over who was and was not welcome to attend the event.

Templeton said the public relations office was constantly taking calls from parents wondering if brothers, sisters and grandparents were also welcome. The office's response was always "everyone's invited," Templeton said, but the change was a simple solution to a question that had been in the office for years.

Over 2,000 family members came to Kirksville for the day. Due to the large numbers and limited hotel space, the event was restricted to one day rather than an entire weekend.

The events planned for Family Day did not differ greatly from Parents Days of the past. A reception providing coffee and cookies was held on the mall. This gave parents the opportunity to meet faculty, staff and other Truman students and families.

President Magruder spoke in Baldwin Auditorium, formally welcoming parents and other family members to the University. Later, a tailgate lunch was provided in Red Barn Park.

The football game was one of the most popular events sponsored by the University. Sophomore Gina Karst, a member of Purple Pride, said the game was packed.

"We had a lot of trouble finding places for people to sit," Karst said.

Junior Andrea Hambach's parents came up especially for the football game.

"My mother just had to see the game," Hambach said. "She hates most sports, but she likes football. It's a tradition."

Although the game drew a large crowd, the day was not just meant for attending campus events. Some families chose to simply spend time with each other off campus, and ate at local restaurants or went shopping at Wal-Mart.

Students enjoyed the University events and liked that a special day had been set aside for their families to come and visit.

"It's a chance for the parents to see the campus and Kirksville so they know how things are

going," junior Ross Chickering said.

To some students, just having their families there was more important than some of the activities.

"My parents were here to see me," Karst said.

by Amanda Niemitz

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~junior Ross Chickering



At the Red Barn Arts & Crafts Festival on the downtown square in Kirksville, a student and her parents shop among the various booths and tables set up by local craftmakers and other organizations. The fair was larger than previous years. It provided students and their parents with a large variety of activities, arts and crafts. (photos by Hemal Patel)



Junior Constance Kovach and sophomore Sheila Vomund take a break to discuss the days events. An SA in Ryle Hall, Kovach found friendliness was the best policy when it came to her residents. Residents who were treated with respect often returned it by obeying rules and attending hall meetings.

Missouri Hall Student Adviser Steve Young used the walls outside his room to keep his residents informed. Other SAs used bulletin boards and message boards to let residents know which SA in each hall was on duty and what important events were upcoming. Like many residents, SAs also used the walls outside their doors to hang pictures and other items that expressed their personalities.



Friendly Image

Senior Amy Sanders works at the Missouri Hall desk as part of her SA duties. First-year Missouri Hall SAs were required to work at the "Moasis" two days a week while returning SAs were only required to work one day a week.



New names were everywhere as peer advisers became student advisers.

The name change was part of a new Residential Living program.

"We are trying to implement residential colleges campus wide," Student Adviser Becca Pestine said.

Pestine said this meant SAs were in charge of fewer residents, which enabled them to get to know their residents better.

"If you only had 20 or 30 residents, it was a lot easier to get to know people," Student Adviser Amy Sanders said.

Sanders said having fewer residents also allowed her to establish better friendships with her residents.

"We hung out all of the time," Sanders said. "We were always in each other's rooms."

Besides being a friend, SAs were expected to be mediators and counselors for their residents.

"We were not police officers," Pestine said. "We served as a resource to students. We had to implement policy but that was not our main focus."

Pestine said being an SA required many skills including patience, dedication and a good sense of humor. She considered time management to be the most crucial quality an SA must possess due to the many demands of the job.

"Basically you were an SA 24 hours a day, 7 days a week," Pestine said. "You had to be ready for any emergency that occurred, even at 4 a.m."

SAs had to attend weekly meetings, write weekly reports and work hall desk hours. In addition, they assisted students with registration and organized programs to enrich students' well-being.

Due to the various responsibilities SAs had to balance, they were required to be in the residence halls by 2 a.m., and the amount of weekends they could travel was limited.

Sanders said being an SA only interfered with going home around the holidays.

"You had to be available to your residents," Sanders said.

Despite the drawbacks of being a SA, Pestine enjoyed her job.

"Like everything there were ups and downs," Pestine said. "It was still one of the most outstanding and rewarding things I had ever done."

by Tracy Piland

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~senior Becca Pestine



Missouri Hall Student Adviser Amy Sanders sorts packages for the hall desk, where SAs were required to work. Student Advisers did not have an easy job. They enforced the hall rules, arranged programs and took time out to soothe tattered egos and listen to problems. (photos by Hemal Patel)

New Beginnings

I spent a day chatting with students and faculty, eating watermelon and playing carnival games, all in the name of education.

Wednesday, Aug. 28, was the first Truman Day, a one-day celebration bringing together faculty, staff and students at Truman. Omicron Delta Kappa, Student Senate, Student Activities Board, and the Funds Allotment Council sponsored the event.

Truman Day began a school year during which many new images emerged with a new identity. The new name was discussed by Student Senate President Danny Rotert as he addressed the crowd at the Truman Day barbecue and discussed the importance of a beginning which would further the University's commitment to educational excellence. As the speech ended and Danny bid us off to fun, I took him up on the offer.

I sat in the crowd listening to music and munching on my all-you-can-eat barbecue platter complete with chocolate chip cookie bars.

After my stomach was full, I found my way to the free carnival games hosted by campus organizations. I tried my hand at the the milk can toss. I missed and realized why only 18 balls landed in the can after an hour.

I moved on to a new game testing my skill and coordination. It involved raising a glass bottle with a ring tied to a piece of string.

Sophomore Amy Heck showed me the correct technique for lifting the bottle. She reminded me patience was the way to play.

"I played until I got the hang of it and then I played until I won," Heck said. "And then they banned me from it!"

Heck proudly showed me her stash of game tickets from the many games she mastered. I followed her to the prize booth where she mused over choices including furry gorilla key chains and new Truman apparel.

Truman faculty and their families also came to Red Barn Park for a little fun. At the prize table, I met up with David Lesczynski, professor of agricultural science, and his family. Twelve-year-old Megan challenged me to a run through the obstacle course. We put on our suits and raced through a maze of tunnels and hills. I lost. It just went to show no matter how much I thought I knew, I still had more to learn.

I met up with senior Mark Wissel, an ODK member, who said the first Truman Day wouldn't be the last.

"I thought it was an awesome inaugural Truman Day celebration because there was so

much student involvement and excitement," Wissel said. "ODK envisions doing this event every year. In fact, meetings have already started for next year."

by Elizabeth Kelly

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~senior Mark Wissel



Junior Andy Rouse tries his luck at shooting the target. Student organizations sponsored booths at Truman Day. The event was designed to promote school spirit, reflect upon the name change, and build pride in the campus community for the upcoming year.

Junior Michael Roth struggles out of the tunnel. The tunnel was part of the carnival sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa, the Student Activities Board, Student Senate, and the Funds Allotment Council. Students gathered for the carnival at Red Barn Park to enjoy a barbecue and play games.



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IMAGE*

TRUMAN DAY
ACTIVITIES

- *Activities Fair
- *Student Union Building Open House
- *Picnic/Barbecue
- *Carnival
- *Name Change Ceremony
- *Announcement of Time Capsule
- *Announcement of Truman State
University Essay Contest
- *Concert: *Life in General*
- *Fireworks



Seniors Amanda Matz, Janna Willhaus, Katie Ballmann and Marni Laverentz gather at the Red Barn Park carnival to celebrate Truman Day. Students came to eat, play games and relax. Other events included a concert featuring *Life in General*, the announcement of the time capsule, and a fireworks display. (photos by Laura Hoechst)

Wrinkled Image

Sophomore Kathleen Beachum, resident of Missouri Hall, loads a washer in her hall's laundry room. Dorm laundry rooms had the convenience of being open 24 hours a day. Laundromats usually closed about 9 or 10 p.m.

One of the most dreaded things about moving away from home was not having mom to do the laundry anymore.

A variety of habits and problems arose when students began to wash their own clothes.

Waiting for laundry cycles to finish was frequently time-consuming and boring. Students often avoided this by leaving the laundry room or laundromat while their laundry was in the machines. While many students believed this to be a time-conserving practice, others became annoyed when laundry was left by its owners and took up space in the machines.

"People never take their laundry out of the dryer and we have to put it on the tables so we can use the machines," freshman Paula Fehrenbacher said.

Many students did not understand why other students became so impatient.

"If I'm one minute late they take my laundry out," sophomore Suzanne Robinson said. "It annoys me."

Not only was laundry a hassling chore, but it also became costly. Most laundromats charged one dollar to wash a single load of laundry. It usually cost one dollar to dry the laundry as well, and sometimes even after a dollar's worth of drying time, students found themselves headed home with wet clothes. It was a frustrating expense.

The laundry facilities in the dorms were slightly less expensive, costing 60 cents to wash one load with the purchase of a special debit card and 75 cents per load using quarters. The dorms also gave more drying time per quarter.

Due to inconvenience and cost of doing laundry, many students preferred to take laundry home when they visited their parents.

"I usually can go three to four weeks until I do laundry, and then I usually go home, so I take it with me," junior Matt Jones said.

Some times were busier than others on the laundry scene. Senior Missy Merideth had advice for those who found it was a challenge to locate an unoccupied machine they could use.

"Go in the afternoons instead of at night," Merideth said. "It is usually less busy. It is less busy during the week than it is on the weekends, too."

Laundry a chore everyone endured, so many students made the best of it.

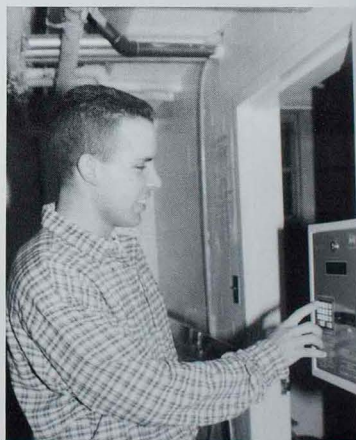
"The first time I had to do laundry I met someone and we became friends," freshman Monica Morris said.

by Jenny Painter



"I usually can go three to four weeks until I do laundry, and then I usually go home."

~junior Matt Jones



Starting up laundry machines with his ID card, freshman Chris Greuge takes advantage of the cheaper washing machine prices of the laundry debit card system in the dorms. With money saved on an ID card, 60 cents was required to start up washing machines. Without a debit card, the washing machines cost 75 cents.



Freshman Susan Bertelsmeyer begins the necessary chore of washing her laundry. Many students had different methods to avoid doing their own laundry. Hauling their dirty clothes home for their parents to do, sneaking their laundry in with their roommate's load or just simply buying more clothes were some of the methods students adopted.

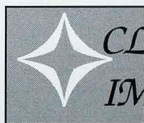


Freshman Christy Lammert pulls out freshly dried clothes from a dryer in Missouri Hall's basement laundry room. Many dorm laundry rooms set up systems to avoid problems with residents taking out other people's laundry when they were late. Residents had the option of recording which machine they used as well as their phone number for others to call in case they were late in unloading their clothes. (photos by Jennifer Brostek)

Senior Shawna Gillette and junior Janine Parks paint the first moon walk for Alpha Phi social sorority. The theme of the sidewalk graffiti contest was the same as the Homecoming Theme, Famous Firsts. Paintings remained on the sidewalk all year as a reminder of Truman's first Homecoming.



Spirit banners proudly hang in front of Pickler Memorial Library. Many organizations were involved in making spirit banners to hang around Truman's campus. These banners not only promoted Homecoming, they also promoted the organizations. The banners added color and character to Homecoming Week.



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HOMECOMING
ACTIVITIES
OCT. 14 - 19, 1996

Spirit Day
Spades Tournament
Trivial Pursuit
Scavenger Hunt
Karaoke
Powder-Puff Football
Barbecue
Games Night
Skit Competition
Spirit Banners

Lip Sync
Coronation
Pep Rally
Bonfire
5-Kilometer Run
Parade
Football Game vs.
Central Missouri
State University
Street Graffiti

Painting with Spirit

Graffiti was permitted on campus, at least for one week.

As part of the Homecoming decorations, many organizations signed up to paint a block of sidewalk between Dobson and Blanton-Nason halls to participate in the Street Graffiti competition. The sidewalk was painted Oct. 7-9 to offer a way for Homecoming spirit to be with the school all year.

"[It] gives a good feeling of unity over all the campus," Homecoming Committee Chairperson Terri Fredrick said.

Sigma Sigma Sigma social sorority and Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity, who competed together throughout Homecoming Week for the Chairman's Cup, won the competition.

Along with Street Graffiti, students exhibited their artistic skill through the banner competition. More than 20 organizations painted banners to be hung on Pickler Memorial Library and McClain Hall.

The only requirement for the banner contest, as well as Street Graffiti, was that the banner represent the Homecoming theme in some way. The designs ranged from the first kiss to the first man on the moon.

Sigma Kappa Epsilon and Phi Kappa Theta social fraternities worked together to win first place in the banner competition.

Along with the graffiti and banners, the committee decorated the campus with balloons and sold shirts to get school spirit flowing.

"They increase the spirit of Homecoming, and show that it's not a normal week, that this is a special week and there are things going on around campus," said Erin Conroy, Homecoming publicity co-chairperson.

Junior Allison Johnson worked on Street Graffiti and banners for Alpha Phi Omega social fraternity. She said there were two levels to decorating the campus.

"The first level is at the fraternity level, having fun together and promoting APO and what we stand for," Johnson said. "It's also University-wide, when the group comes together and works together for a week."

Fredrick stressed the importance of getting organizations to participate, for their own benefit as well as the University's.

"It gives a festive air to the atmosphere," Fredrick said. "It's attractive, it's cute and it gets your name associated with the picture."

Although the main decorations were the graffiti and banners, the residence halls were also decorated, and Dobson Hall sponsored a

coloring contest.

While the most talked about parts of Truman's first Homecoming were the activities, the decorations were meant to serve a purpose just as important.

"It's a school spirit thing," Johnson said. "The decorations brighten the campus even more than the activities do."

by *Bonny Young*

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*~Homecoming Committee
Chairperson Terri Frederick*



Senior Kerri Carter shows off her artistic talents and helps Sigma Kappa social sorority earn points for the Chairman's Cup. The participating organizations paid a \$30 fee and bought their own paintbrushes. The paint used on the sidewalk was provided for them by the event's sponsors, Sigma Chi Delta social sorority and Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity. (photos by Hemal Patel)



Members of the Homecoming Court, seniors Liz Hopkins and Eric Schmitt, and Elaine King and Brian Koenen, wait on stage at Baldwin Auditorium for the coronation of the 1996 Homecoming King and Queen. The final candidates were chosen by the Homecoming committee. Students and faculty then voted for the king and queen. (photo by Hemal Patel)

Senior Marisa Starbard and sophomore Mindi Feltner, members of Sigma Kappa social sorority, act out a mock operation along with junior Hank Rischar and sophomore Ray Heuer, members of Beta Theta Pi social fraternity. Their ER skit imitated the popular TV show, complete with theme music. The skit competition was an excellent way for organizations to show their school spirit and get involved in Homecoming activities. (photo by Hemal Patel)



Homecoming King and Queen, seniors Adam Fisher and Molly McCaskill, accept applause and cheers from the student body at the Homecoming Pep Rally. They stood with another couple in the court, seniors Janna Willhaus and Darin Henderson. The Pep Rally was held in Pershing Arena after a Spirit Walk from Baldwin Auditorium where the skit competition was held. (photo by Aaron Manfull)

First Reflections



In a week of "Famous Firsts," seniors Adam Fisher and Molly McCaskill were crowned Truman State University's first Homecoming King and Queen.

On Oct. 18, five couples gathered on the Baldwin Auditorium stage for coronation. The candidates, welcomed with cheers from their sponsoring organizations, were introduced by a slideshow.

Tradition lived on with the appearance of the 1995 King and Queen. Seniors Andy Gensler and Dawn Schumann were on hand to give their titles over to the new royalty.

Fisher, cheered on with chants from his brothers in Sigma Tau Gamma social fraternity, shook hands with the other finalists and received the scepter from Gensler. A biology major and baseball player, Fisher was involved in Campus Christian Fellowship, Circle K and Beta Kappa.

McCaskill, a sociology and anthropology major, was involved in Sigma Kappa social sorority, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Phi Eta Sigma and the marching band. She was sponsored by Alpha Sigma Gamma service sorority.

Participants agreed Homecoming brought together the diverse groups on campus.

"I felt that this Homecoming helped to represent groups that are not normally recognized," McCaskill said. "It helped to give small groups just as much validity as the Greek organizations. That is what Homecoming should be."

The election process for the court started when organizations turned in an application for a person they sponsored. The ten candidates were chosen by the Homecoming committee, and students and faculty voted by ballot. The "Famous Firsts" Homecoming saw almost 1,000 people vote for the royalty.

"It was a great honor to stand on the court because I was able to represent not only an organization which has touched the lives of so many people, but also an entire student body which has been so instrumental in forming who I am," senior Brian Koenen said.

The other four couples in the court were Kathy Noll of Omicron Delta Kappa and Mark Wissel of Lambda Chi Alpha, Elaine King of Ryle Hall and Koenen of the Catholic Newman Center, Liz Hopkins of the International Students Club and Eric Schmitt of Alpha Kappa Lambda and Janna Willhaus of Cardinal Key and Darin Henderson of Phi Kappa Theta.

by Erin Harms



After the skit competition, seniors Adam Fisher and Molly McCaskill are crowned Homecoming King and Queen. Fisher represented Sigma Tau Gamma social fraternity, and McCaskill represented Alpha Sigma Gamma service sorority. The Homecoming court symbolized the expansive diversity at Truman through their organizations. (photo by Hemal Patel)

"...this Homecoming helped to represent groups that are not normally recognized."

~senior Molly McCaskill

A Hero's Vision

The face of Martin Luther King Jr. appeared on a screen among the shades of violet while his "I Have a Dream" speech played. The crowd took in the image as they waited for the celebration to commence.

The Multicultural Affairs Center sponsored the event, Unity II. This marked the second year for the commemoration and the third year Truman observed Martin Luther King Jr. Day by cancelling classes.

About 250 students and Kirksville residents attended the program at 3 p.m. in Baldwin Auditorium on Jan. 17, King's observance day. This audience was smaller than the previous year's, said Anthony Cooperwood, coordinator of the Multicultural Affairs Center. He was disappointed with the turnout.

"Students need to ask themselves: is it more important to celebrate the day or just get the day off?" Cooperwood said.

Some students used the three-day weekend to go home, others slept in on Monday and some used the day to catch up on homework.

Junior Carrie Hamre said she could not go to Unity II because she had to work.

"I would have liked to go because he [King] did a lot, and it is interesting to listen to what he did," Hamre said.

The Multicultural Affairs Center also coordinated several other activities earlier in the week to commemorate King, including a discussion of affirmative action and an ecumenical program. A candlelight vigil was held on the observance day at 7 p.m.

Cooperwood said the student turnout for each of the activities was lower compared to last year, but participation from people in the community increased. A total of about 500 people attended the four King activities this year. In 1996, about 500 people attended the one activity, the Unity celebration.

"If there is a community interest [in King activities], why not [the] students?" Cooperwood said.

Students and community members who did attend Unity II saw a variety of performances.

"It had something for everybody," junior Stephanie Meuris said.

Students and professors celebrated the memory of Martin Luther King Jr. through song, recitations and a film. Shirley Morahan, professor of English, read poet Maya Angelou's "Pulse of the Morning" to begin the program which was followed by dancers from St. Louis.

Joseph Benevento, assistant professor of English, sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth" as he played the guitar.

The final performance in Unity II, a song and dance entitled "Sow a Seed of Love," was performed by Unique Ensemble and the dancers. It reflected King's legacy and left the audience with a message of peace, unity and love.

by Liz Lach



David Hartsfield, coordinator of research for the McNair program, participates in the symposium to kick off the Martin Luther King celebration. He discussed the topic, "How would Dr. King respond to today's affirmative action issues?" The symposium was held in the Student Union Building. (photo by Laura Hoechst)

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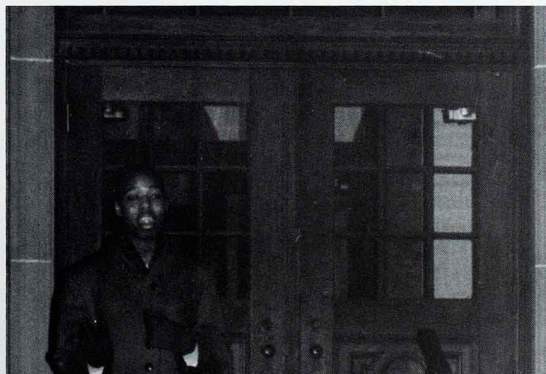
*~Coordinator of
Multicultural Affairs,
Anthony Cooperwood*

Students and faculty gathered around the University's flame to the second century, located in front of Kirk Memorial. The flame was lit to remember King and the message he left behind. Attendance to activities was down compared to previous years. (photo by Hemal Patel)



**MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR.
COMMERATIVE
ACTIVITIES**

- January 16 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Symposium
- January 19 Ecumenical Program of Love and Peace
- January 20 Celebration of Unity Through Song, Dance and Words
- January 20 Candle Vigil for Peace; A Silent Support



One of the speakers during the candlelight vigil was sophomore Damita Langston. She performed an impromptu speech for peace, urging students to use their dreams as motivation. The candlelight vigil was the final ceremony of the weekend to remember King and his dream for the future. (photo by Hemal Patel)

Revisit the Stars

Twenty years ago in a decade far, far away "Star Wars" debuted on the big screen to a sold-out audience.

Times had changed since 1977, but the effect of the movie classic on its audience had not. "Star Wars" returned on Jan. 31, and the craze was revived.

The babbling antics of C-3PO, the age-old wisdom of Obi Wan, and the dark side of the villainous Darth Vader were back on the big screen, ready to entertain both the old and new generations of "Star Wars" fans.

Many students were only a few years old when the original was released, and for most, the new release of "Star Wars" was a chance to see a timeless classic on the big screen. It allowed for a more exciting experience.

Some students made special trips and ordered tickets in advance so they could get the full effect of the George Lucas masterpiece.

Freshman Geof Newcomb made a trip to Columbia to see the movie.

"I ordered my tickets two days in advance with a credit card," he said. "They [the theater] wouldn't let me order them any sooner."

Scenes were added to the drama that originally had been cut. Newcomb said there were new characters, new creatures and new computer animation that enhanced the quality of the movie.

Newcomb said the experience was great and the atmosphere in the theater was "awesome." "People were cheering," he said. "There were little kids dressed up like Obi Wan and Princess Leia."

Sophomore Julie Suddarth went to the Petite Three with a few friends to see the movie for the first time. Her experience was not as exciting as she thought it would be.

"I would have liked to see it in a theater with surround sound," she said. "The Petite Three doesn't quite cut it."

Senior Andee Adams said she was so excited about the return of "Star Wars" that she checked out the "Star Wars" web page. She admitted her expectations may have been too high.

"I thought some of the stuff was overdone," she said. "They almost tried to make it too cool."

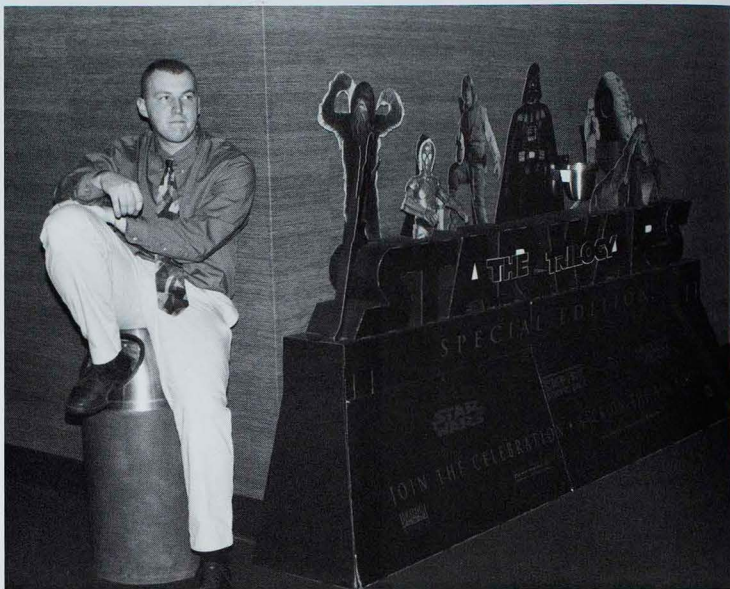
Despite the minor disappointments, Adams said she still wanted to see the rest of the trilogy.

The movie's popularity was undeniable.

"It appeals to all ages," Newcomb said. "Everybody loves 'Star Wars.'"

by Eric Eckert

Sophomore Shawn Simpson, a projectionist at the Petite Three Cinema, delays before rolling "Star Wars." Simpson said people were lined up outside of the theater before it opened at 5 p.m. for the 6:45 p.m. show on opening day. The show was sold out in 30 minutes, with 196 in the theater.

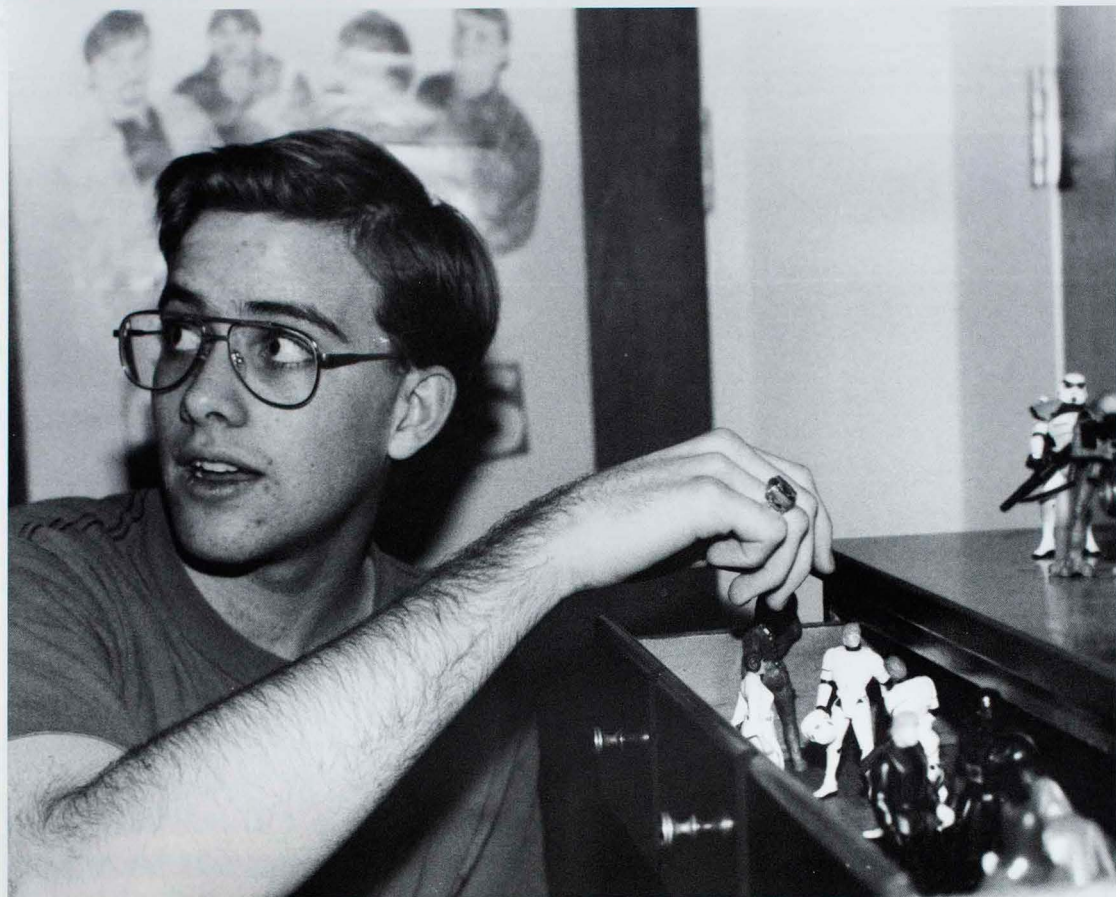


"There were little kids dressed up like Obi Wan and Princess Leia."

~sophomore Julie Suddarth



Precisely poised, these storm trooper figures are favorites of their owner, sophomore Sean Patrick Turk. Turk said these "Star Wars" figures would be worth about \$70 if they were originals. In the case of Princess Leia figures, two versions were made. The newer version of Princess Leia in the package was worth around \$70, and the older version was worth around \$200.



Sophomore Sean Patrick Turk rearranges his collection of "Star Wars" figures and vehicles. Turk had 34 new figures displayed on his desk, as well as five older figures that dated back to 1981 and 1983. Turk and his roommate had other "Star Wars" memorabilia including posters, mugs, ties, shirts and light sabers. Turk said it was both an obsession and a hobby.

Movie watchers wait outside of Petite Three Cinema in Kirksville on a snowy Saturday night. The first of the trilogy, "Star Wars," opened on Jan. 31 to celebrate its 20th anniversary. Some Truman students stayed in town to see the opening while others took road trips as far away as Columbia, St. Louis, or Kansas City. "Empire Strikes Back," the second movie in the trilogy, opened in February. "Return of the Jedi" opened in March. (photos by Cheri Heiser)

Sophomore Mary Thome, senior Maureen O'Neill and senior Colleen Coogan enjoy a home-cooked meal together. Depending on their schedules, these roommates usually prepared meals together two or three times a week. They shopped for groceries together whenever possible, and the cost of the meals was split between them at the end of the month.



Junior Sharon Bader serves chicken to her roommate senior Maureen O'Neill. Preparing their own meals was one advantage of living off campus. Another advantage was the view from their window. O'Neill said they saw deer in their backyard, as well as beautiful sunsets.



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IMAGE*

QUESTIONS TO ASK
BEFORE SIGNING
YOUR LEASE

- *What utilities are included in rent cost?
- *How high do the individual utilities usually run?
- *What parking is available?
- *Will the landlord shovel the sidewalks and take care of yard work?
- *Is trash included in the rent cost, and how will it be taken care of?
- *Are pets allowed?
- *Is the lease flexible?
- *What are the policies on subleasing?

Change in Scenery

Although living off campus brought new freedom, it also brought a lot more than some students bargained for when dealing with landlords.

No longer able to call the Fix-it-Line when things broke down, off-campus students had to go straight to their landlords. Sometimes students found the landlords were not as efficient as they had hoped.

Junior Katie Niemeyer had a terrible time keeping in contact with her landlord. In the fall, she and her roommates needed their stove turned on and called their landlord. When the landlord never called back, his elderly parents eventually showed up to help. After trying to contact him several more times to fix a broken door, Niemeyer finally found out her landlord had been placed in a mental facility.

Niemeyer and her roommates had to take care of things on their own. They decided to look for a new residency for the next year.

"We would have liked to stay in the house because we really like it, but it's not worth dealing with the landlord," Niemeyer said. "We have enough to worry about with school, and we need to feel safe."

Some students had to deal with leftovers from the previous tenants when their landlords did not take care of things.

Senior Kim McGrath had to clean her apartment before moving in because the landlord never did it. McGrath had to deal with bags of trash, rotten food in the refrigerator and fingernail clippings in the kitchen drawers.

McGrath also had a bat as a regular visitor in her home. After repeated tries at contacting her landlord, McGrath had to wait a month and a half before she got any help.

"I think landlords take advantage of college students because they don't think we know anything," McGrath said.

Not all students had negative experiences with their landlords.

Junior Sharon Bader and her roommates thought their landlord was a positive aspect of living off campus. Bader said her landlord looked out for her and her roommates.

"Our landlord took care of my roommate's guinea pig over break and still checks up on how he is doing," Bader said. "Our landlord lives next door, so he picked up our mail and trash over break, too."

Junior Susan Riethmann decided the advantages far outweighed the disadvantages when it came to the making a decision about moving

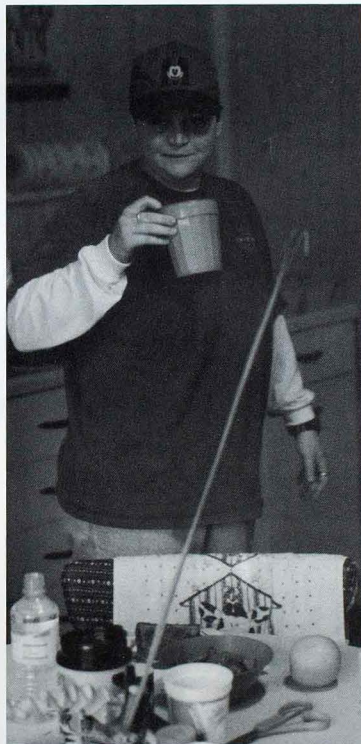
out of the dorms.

"There is more room, more freedom, no rules to live by, and we get to choose our own food," Riethmann said.

by Jill Snitker

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~senior Kim McGrath

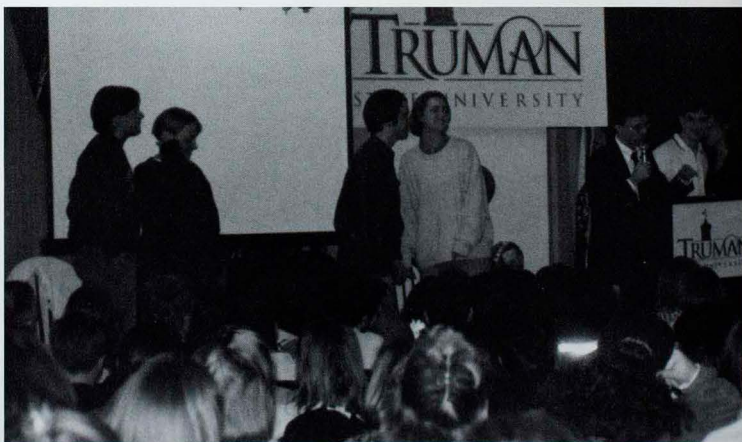


Junior Sharon Bader pauses while fixing herself dinner after a day filled with classes. Bader was one of four students who shared a house on the west side of Kirksville. Bader and her roommate senior Colleen Coogan usually walked to campus, which took about 15 to 20 minutes. Another member of their household, senior Maureen O'Neill, chose to drive. (photos by Cheri Heiser)



Under the instruction of William Cane, sophomore Devon Palmer and senior Dakin Dugaw show the crowd the correct way to kiss. Cane, an English professor from Boston University, also used slides and films to demonstrate his techniques. Some participants were a little nervous while others enjoyed the opportunity to be center stage.

Six lucky men and women were chosen to show off their kissing styles. The main objective of the event was to entertain, but students also learned many interesting facts and statistics. At the end of Cane's lecture the lights were dimmed and the audience was encouraged to participate.



William Cane talks to 500 Truman students about a variety of kissing techniques. Cane learned the techniques by reading books and surveying people from around the world. The Student Activities Board event was held on Feb. 4, just in time for Valentines Day.

Pucker Up I



Never before was an audience so prepared with chapstick and breathmints at a Student Activities Board event.

SAB sponsored the program "The Art of Kissing" with presenter William Cane on Feb. 4. The audience of more than 500 students learned a variety of kissing techniques while being entertained.

Cane became interested in learning more about kissing when his girlfriend told him to close his eyes when he kissed her. He surveyed thousands of people around the world about their kissing preferences.

Cane wanted his audience to understand that kissing was a spiritual connection, not just a prelude to sex.

Six men and six women were chosen to demonstrate the kisses Cane talked about.

Sophomore Chip Henrich volunteered to show off his kissing ability. He was paired with freshman Moira Cavanagh, whom he met only minutes before the presentation. Henrich said he was not embarrassed to kiss in front of a crowd because he loved being in front of people.

"It wasn't anything new or different for me," Henrich said.

Event Coordinator Chris Wolf said the program was something different for the University. SAB learned about Cane through a random mailing and thought he would be an interesting pre-Valentine's Day speaker.

Wolf said it was easier to find volunteers than he thought. Most of the demonstrators were SAB members and their friends. Some people came to the SAB office and asked to volunteer, Wolf said. A few demonstrators were found in the hallway just before the presentation started.

Cane used slides, films and the volunteers to demonstrate many kissing techniques. He said 90 percent of people prefer to kiss when they are sober, and women enjoy necking more than men.

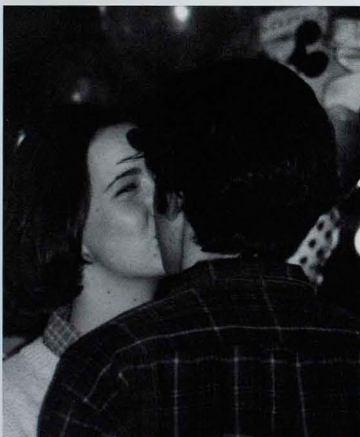
Although his presentation was full of facts and statistics, Wolf said the main objective was to entertain.

"It was a lot of laughs and a good time," Wolf said. "I had more fun working at this event than with any other SAB event."

Junior Carolyn Pihir attended the event with her friends out of curiosity.

"It was one of the more amusing programs that I have been to on campus," Pihir said.

by Jennifer Odefey



Freshman Ben Greer and junior Becca Svuba experiment with one of 20 techniques William Cane taught. The couple was paired only minutes before the presentation, but they were given a chance to practice a little before they went on stage. Some of the couples were in actual relationships with each other. (photos by Hemal Patel)

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*~ Event Coordinator
Chris Wolf*

Fun In the Sun

The most difficult part of enjoying Dog Days was finding it.

It was a year of many firsts for Dog Days 1997. With the theme "Unleash the Madness," the Student Activities Board planned a week-end to relieve the end-of-the-semester stress of students April 18-19.

The biggest change for the Day of the Dog was its location. Because SAB found a band that required a larger stage, it would not fit on its usual location on the quad.

It was held for the first time at the field on the corner of Franklin and LaHarpe streets. Many students were confused by the remote location. Still, a large crowd of students found their way to the field to enjoy the warm, spring day.

At the Day of the Dog, 29 booths were sponsored by a variety of organizations. Organizer Erika Waldschmidt said groups were free to do what they wanted with their booth.

"I just tried to keep two groups from doing the same thing," Waldschmidt said.

A variety of foods was sold at booths to meet just about every taste. Other organizations offered games, such as miniature golf or a basketball throw, rather than food.

Freshman Diana Roshek sold popcorn and pretzels for Psi Chi psychology honor society. Although her sales were not going well, she was glad to be a part of the day.

"This allows a time for a lot of organizations to come out and show the campus who you are and maybe make some money in the process," Roshek said.

Psi Chi donated all the money they raised to Victim Support Services. Other organizations also donated their profits to their philanthropy organizations.

In addition to the booths, students could ride a horse, tie-dye a T-shirt or go on rides.

Freshman Lindsay Benson had few expectations for her first Dog Days. She was impressed by the variety of things to do and the way it was geared toward students.

"I love the way everything is so cheap and student-affordable," Benson said.

While they checked out what the booths had to offer or just sat on the grass to soak up some sun, students enjoyed the music of three bands. Campus band Antle Walked By and Orange Tree, a band from St. Louis, opened for alternative group JACKPIERCE.

SAB member Brad Wilson helped in bringing Jackpierce to Kirksville. He said SAB got

lucky in getting them to perform at Dog Days.

"They just kind of landed in our lap," Wilson said. "A lot of people hadn't heard of them, but everyone seemed really excited."

by Jennifer Odefey



Junior Eleana White holds on for dear life while being spun around and upside down. Students experienced the high intensity thrill while strapped into an Orbitron. The object of the game was not to lose one's lunch.

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~freshman Diana Roshek

Junior Jacob Kaemmer makes a move on his opponent, junior Nate Peters, in a jousting game. The Orbitron, Bungee Run, jousting and a Velcro™ obstacle course were among many of the activities students could participate in at Dog Days. The warm weather and sunny skies drew a large crowd of students, faculty and pets.



DOG DAYS 1997
 "UNLEASH THE
 MADNESS"

April 18

Video Dance Party at the Armory

April 19

Carnival, on the corner of Franklin and LaHarpe streets, featured booths, games and food from organizations. Bands: Antle Walked By Orange Tree JACKOPIERCE

The movie "Psycho" was shown in Kirk Gym.



Senior Nathan Talley, along with band members Matt Herndon and senior Michele Herndon, introduces the band's traditional last song, "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow." Other members of the band included junior Jason Herbig and graduate Ryan Grice. Talley said the song was what his parents danced to at their prom. Antle Walked By, a campus band, was the first of three bands that played during Dog Days. The other bands were Orange Tree and JACKOPIERCE. (photos by Cheri Heiser)

academics

Truman saw its academic image reflected on a national scale when the University was named in *Money* magazine for the fifth year in a row, this time ranking fourth on the list of best buys in education. The reputation helped diversify the University, attracting more students internationally. Different cultures were welcomed while students honed in on the future of their own country. Speculation was everywhere as students focused on the national political scene during the election year. Other students learned their political lessons from the inside, serving as interns at the state capital in Jefferson City. Some students opted to enhance their education through local internships, gaining valuable hands-on experience which would take them to the next plateau. Opportunities abounded for the motivated students as they furthered their experience through coursework, research and other co-curricular activities. Technology linked students and teachers as Truman sped up along the information superhighway. The face of campus changed along with the faces of campus buildings. As the community adjusted to the relocation of classrooms and faculty offices, the image continued to develop under new academic leaders. Truman welcomed new leaders, and bade others a fond farewell as professors and graduates moved on to pursue an image all their own. Throughout it all, it was still all about academics. Some things would never change.

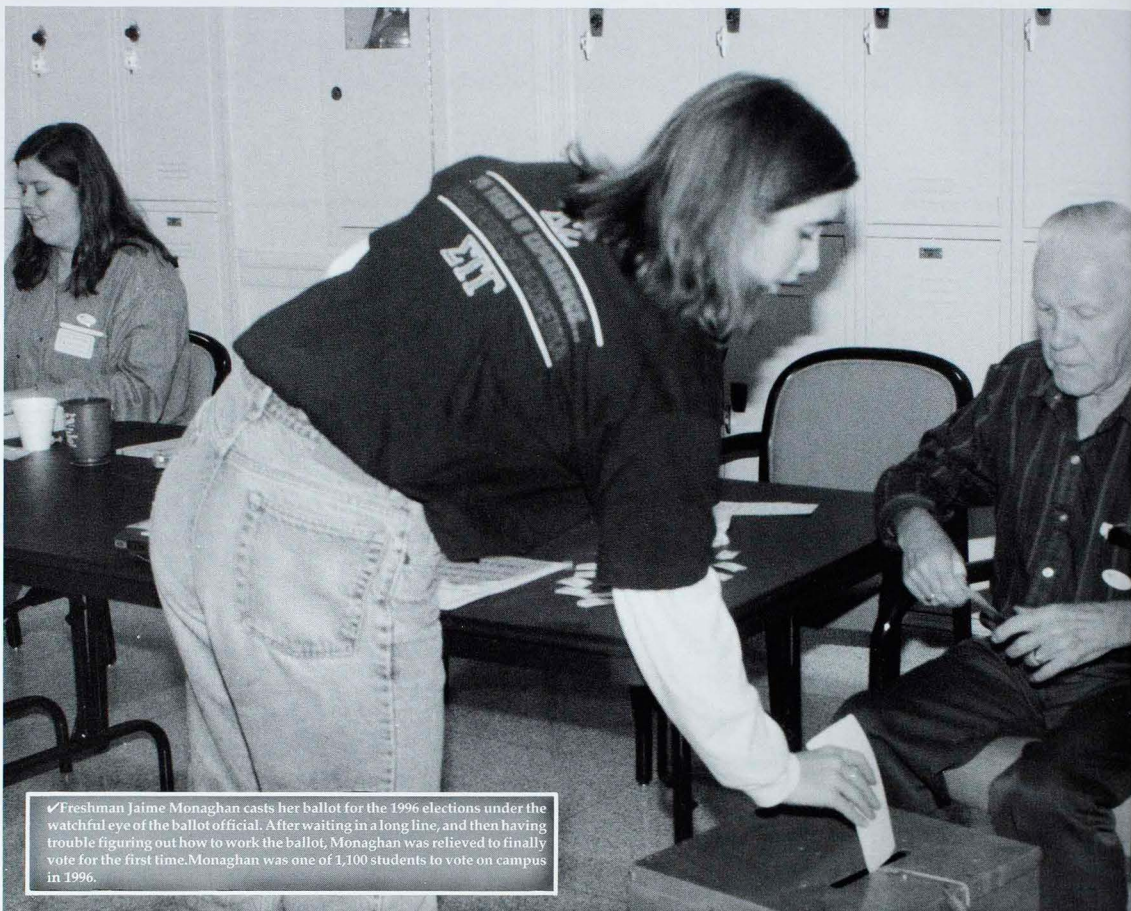
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Science Hall

Meeting the needs of increasing enrollment requires Truman to renovate a common campus short cut in favor of increasing and improving lab facilities and classrooms in Science Hall. Throughout the fall and spring semesters, students coped with the sounds of hammering and sawing as workers closed in the tunnel and brought the building up to code. The project began in May 1996 and was scheduled to end in May 1997. The construction cost \$780,000.



✓Freshman Jaime Monaghan casts her ballot for the 1996 elections under the watchful eye of the ballot official. After waiting in a long line, and then having trouble figuring out how to work the ballot, Monaghan was relieved to finally vote for the first time. Monaghan was one of 1,100 students to vote on campus in 1996.

COUNTDOWN TO

"My area of study in college was electoral behavior, so it is an interesting class for me personally to teach."

✓James Przybylski, professor of political science

ELECTION '96



✓Students in the Student Union Building wait in line to cast their vote for the 1996 election. Long lines were a problem throughout the day, but students stuck it out in order to cast their vote. This was the first time the Truman precinct was used for a presidential election. (photos by Jennifer Brostek)

ACADEMIC IMAGE

- ✓ The Adair County Clerk's office reported that **1,108** ballots were cast on campus during the **1996** presidential election.
- ✓ Of the votes cast in the Student Union Building, President Clinton received **568** votes (**51** percent), Dole received **433** votes (**40** percent), and Perot received **75** votes (**7** percent).
- ✓ On campus, in the governor's race, Gov. Mel Carnahan won with **706** votes (**64** percent) against Margaret Kelly who had **320** votes (**29** percent).

In the presidential election year, everyone speculated. Students in POL 370, commonly known as "the election class," speculated more than others.

James Przybylski, professor of political science, taught POL 370 and guided the students to the conclusion of the 1996 presidential election. Przybylski taught the class in every election year since 1980. He said every four years, he taught the students about the presidential election process and followed the candidates' campaigns.

"I decided to take the class because I love politics," junior Meghan McCormick said.

Przybylski evaluated students based on their election predictions. "They were graded on a paper where they predicted the winner of the election, but a big part of that grade was based on how much valid data they brought to bear on their prediction," Przybylski said. "Even if they got it wrong, but they had good data and good arguments, they got a lot better grade than if they happened to predict right and had lousy data," Przybylski said.

Of course, it was always nice to be right.

"I did say that they would get a little bonus if they predicted

correctly because I really wanted to encourage them to be as close as they could, but that was not a major part of the grade," Przybylski said. "Hopefully, it was just enough to get them to watch the election real closely."

Debates held in class were also a major part of POL 370. Students in the class took turns presenting two sides of a particular election issue, and then the rest of the class asked questions to continue the debate.

"If the argument got heated, I tried to soften it up," Przybylski said. "I tried to make sure both sides were represented correctly because I didn't want people hating each other over the debates."

Even though the class was designed to teach students about the inner-workings of presidential elections, it was really a chance for students to voice their opinions on a subject that made everyone want to talk.

"It was really fun to hear the other student's knowledgeable opinions," junior Susie Burgess said. "Even if I didn't always agree!"

It turned out that the election class didn't take the fun out of election speculation after all.

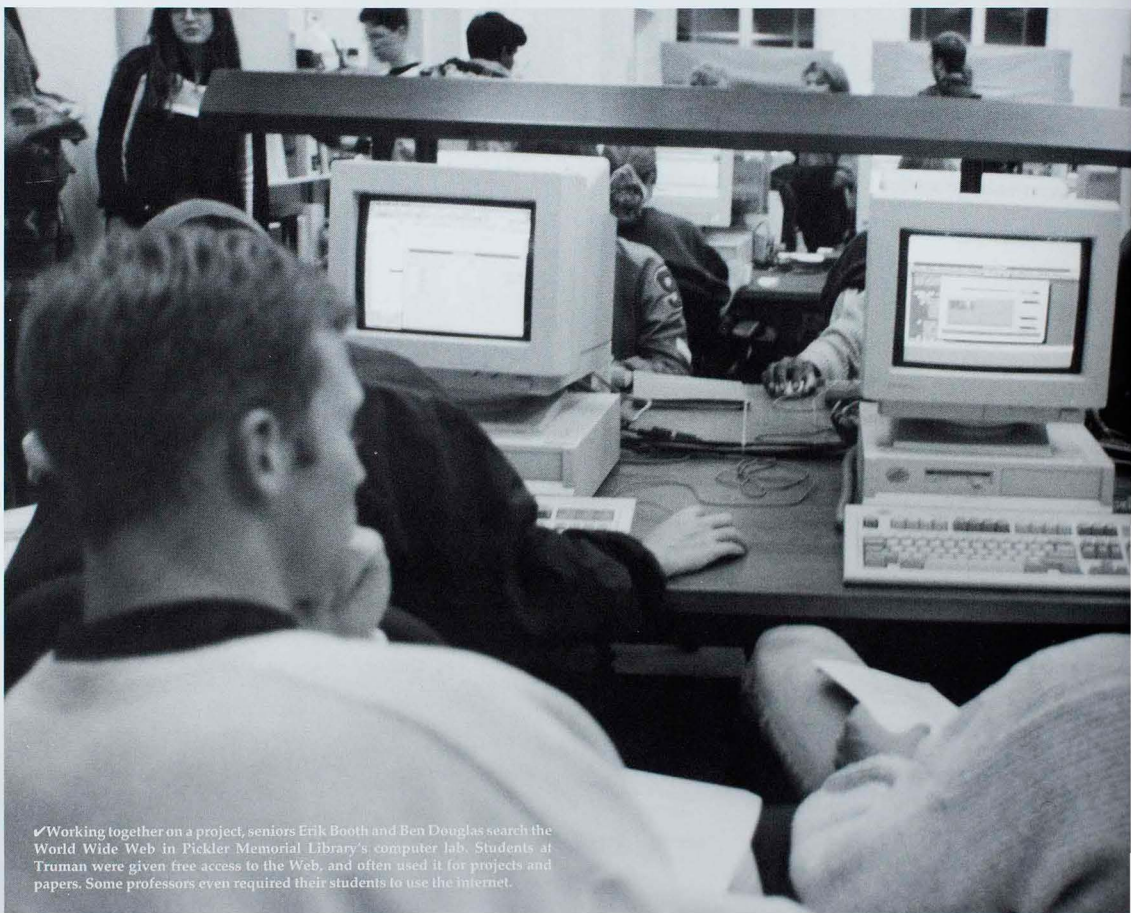
by Kristen Aggeler

STUDENTS CRAWL THEIR WAY

"E-mail is really good for shy students who can read and respond to class discussions without actually speaking up in class."

✓Kathryn Kuhlman, assistant professor of English

ONTO THE WORLD WIDE WEB



✓Working together on a project, seniors Erik Booth and Ben Douglas search the World Wide Web in Pickler Memorial Library's computer lab. Students at Truman were given free access to the Web, and often used it for projects and papers. Some professors even required their students to use the internet.

Your assignment, should you choose to accept it, is to retrieve information from the World Wide Web. The ultimate goal: to master the Web and the art of e-mail.

This year, Truman students found more of their professors required homework assignments similar to the one above. These assignments included searching for information on the Web and having class discussions on e-mail.

Gary Jones, assistant professor of communication, required his Public Relations class to surf the Web for some information that would help them in completing a semester-long project.

Jones found the internet could be used as a valuable research tool. The Web was used to show students in the class how they could get more information for their class projects, Jones said.

"There is also information on the Web that helps students discover what a job in public relations is all about," Jones said.

Many other professors used the Web and the e-mail services Truman provided in their classes. Kathryn Kuhlman, assistant professor of English, used e-mail as a teaching technique in her classes.

"I use it for student-to-student dialogue," Kuhlman said. "I try to keep

track of the students' thoughts and ideas by reading the entries and referring to them in class."

Several students in Kuhlman's class expressed their interest in the e-mail system.

"It seemed to increase the students' learning ability," Kuhlman said. "It also increased their ability to talk about topics more openly."

Students discovered e-mail and the Web were helpful both inside and outside the classroom. Some used e-mail to keep in touch with family and friends. Junior Katie Cook used the Web for class research as well as for her own personal enjoyment.

"In chemistry class, the professor had us look up information on the Web about new and innovative technologies being invented," Cook said. "I found a ton of entries." Cook also used the Web to look up information on graduate schools and even looked up an address and phone number in a national phonebook.

Good job: you have successfully completed your homework assignment. You are now a master of e-mail and the World Wide Web. Utilize your talents wisely in the future and don't forget to log off.

by Susan Behrens



ACADEMIC IMAGE

- ✓ Truman State University offered **10** different computer labs on campus for student use.
- ✓ There were **177** computers, both Macintosh and IBM, on campus for student use.
- ✓ Truman had its own web site at **<http://www.truman.edu>** in which students from across the nation could inquire about all Truman had to offer.



✓ Searching on the Web, Gary Jones, assistant professor of communication, tries to find a certain page. Jones made it a requirement that his students become familiar with the Web by giving at least one assignment each semester in which students had to use the Web. (photos by Laura Hoechst)



✓ Located in Kirk Building, the International Student Office serves two purposes. One was to help the students who wished to study abroad. They helped place these students and prepared them for the trip. The second important duty the office served was to help international students adjust to the United States. They dealt with orientation, recruiting, and advising. Their main purpose in this was to help the international students handle the culture shock they experienced.

ACADEMIC IMAGE

- ✓ Truman enrolled **168** students from across the globe.
- ✓ The international students represented **49** countries.
- ✓ Of the International students, **18** came from Japan, followed by Bulgaria and Taiwan each with **14**, People's Republic of China with **12**, Sri Lanka with **10**, and France with **9**.



Many students considered Kirksville their home away from home. For some, that home was farther than others. International students dealt with the challenges they faced by attending school in the United States. Some international students, like freshman Aldrick Allal from France, found it easy to adjust.

"I'm very independent," Allal said. "I'm used to adapting to each situation very fast. My only problem is the language."

Language caused difficulties for other international students as well. Senior Michael Baudisch, whose first language was German, said the language was a problem, especially in his reading assignments.

"It's hard to understand sometimes," Baudisch said. "Like when I read a chapter it takes me longer than an American student because sometimes there are words I don't understand."

The differences between the countries' class styles also caused some difficulties, especially when students prepared for exams.

In Germany, there was more academic freedom, Baudisch said. He said it was up to each student how they wanted to prepare for the exam at the end of the year. The student could decide if he or she wanted to

attend class and what material to read.

"It is only the test at the end that counts," Baudisch said. "There is no 'do it this way.'"

Allal also said attendance was not mandatory in French universities and the students normally had three exams that counted for their grade.

Senior Liz Hopkins, from England, was president of the International Club. She had advice for international students on how to adjust to the new academic environment surrounding them.

"You have to ask more questions," she said. "Ask people what this is going to be like. Have people explain the differences."

The International Student Office, the International Club and a variety of more specialized clubs, like the Japanese Club and Chinese Student Association, offered support and advice for international students.

"Some of these people have never been to America before, let alone in the middle of Missouri in a small town and thrown into a dorm," Hopkins said. "Some American students wish they had a place like this to go to help them adjust to school."

by Meghan Cronin



✓Completing a class assignment for Music Appreciation, sophomore Rosalie Chen works in the piano room of Grim Hall. Chen was an international student originally from Taiwan. She also lived in Libya for a short time, before living in St. Louis for three years. (photos by Cheri Heiser)

HOME AWAY FROM HOME

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✓senior Liz Hopkins

AND SO MUCH MORE...

On July 1, 1996, Northeast Missouri State University ceased to exist.

As Truman State University, its reputation lived on. The University was ranked in *Money Magazine* for the fifth time in 1996. Truman emerged as fourth

on the list of 100 best educational values in the nation. In the Midwest, Truman ranked first.

"The national reputation under the name Northeast will transfer over to the name Truman," President Jack Magruder said.

It did not take long for the nation to catch on to the name change.

USA Today stated, "Truman is one school that attests to the value of having independent evaluations of student progress."

Other national publications agreed. The *National Review College Guide* stated, "Truman is one of the nation's most innovative public universities. We do not hesitate to say that Truman represents one of the finest values in higher education today."

Magruder said Truman achieved such a reputation because the University's focus was on student learning.

"This is where we put our money, that's the way we make our budget,

that's what we are here for," Magruder said.

The focus paid off. Sixty-three percent of Truman's 1995 bachelor degree recipients scored above the 50th percentile on a nationally recognized exit exam in their major field of study. Truman's sophomores consistently ranked in the top third of the nation's four-year universities on the general education tests of reading, writing skills, mathematics, critical thinking, and science reasoning.

"When students exit this institution they will have the knowledge, the skills and the attitudes necessary to compete nationally and internationally and do it well," Magruder said.

When put to the test, students were honored for the accomplishments they achieved with the knowledge and skills acquired at Truman.

Students in the accounting and journalism fields received recognition competing against other universities statewide. For three years, accounting graduates ranked among Missouri's best on a national accounting test. Graduates of Truman ranked in Missouri's top 10 on the CPA test. The *Index*, the campus newspaper, was named Best in State by the Missouri College Media Association.

by Kevin Montagne

ACADEMIC IMAGE

- ✓ Ranked **No. 4** in *Money Magazine* for the best education in America
- ✓ Out of the top 10, Truman had the lowest out-of-state tuition at **\$5,516**.
- ✓ Truman made the top 10 due largely in part to the **190** special-interest groups offered on campus.
- ✓ Test score averages helped Truman soar to **No. 4**, with the incoming freshman class having an average ACT score of **26.4**.

✓ Evidence of Truman is everywhere, including the newly-painted fountain. Effective July 1, 1996, the University changed its name from Northeast Missouri State University to Truman State University, causing all signs to be altered. The fountain was improved with new lights and paint for the 1996-1997 school year. Students spent a lot of time sitting near it and occasionally running through it. (photo by Hemal Patel)



THE TRADITION CONTINUES

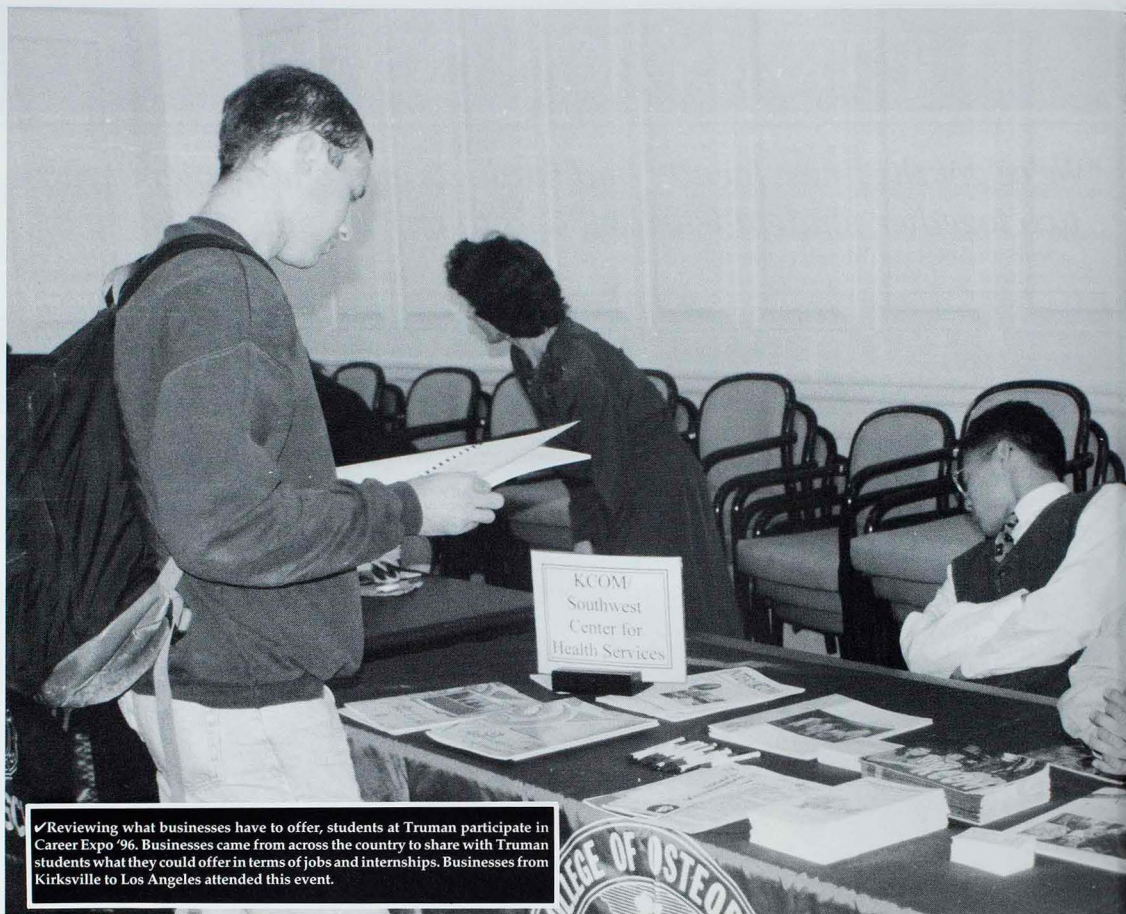
"We've got the finest faculty and students and when you put those two together, student learning and talent development occurs."

✓President Jack Magruder

DESPITE THE NAME CHANGE



✓Addressing a large crowd, University President Jack Magruder speaks about the wonderful opportunities at Truman. Magruder spoke to the crowd at the first Truman Day. Truman Day was an event held on Aug. 28, to commemorate the name change from Northeast Missouri State University to Truman State University. (photo by Aaron Manfull)



✓Reviewing what businesses have to offer, students at Truman participate in Career Expo '96. Businesses came from across the country to share with Truman students what they could offer in terms of jobs and internships. Businesses from Kirksville to Los Angeles attended this event.

CAREER EXPO ALLOWS STUDENTS

"By the time they are ready to enter the real world, they will feel comfortable in the business world."

✓Career Coordinator Susan Job

TO "MAKE THEIR MOVE"



✓ Signing in at the Employer Information booth, junior Christopher Hanff takes a look at some of the booths offered by the Career Expo. Career Expo '96 was sponsored by the University Career Center at Truman. It was a way for students to start making connections in the real world. (photos by Hemal Patel)

ACADEMIC IMAGE

- ✓ 693 students registered and attended the '96 Career Expo.
- ✓ Seniors topped out the list with 332, or 47 percent, of their class attending.
- ✓ The majority of students attending Career Expo were from the Business and Accountancy field with 301 in attendance, or 43 percent.
- ✓ Of the 693 registered attendees, 70 had double majors.

Students made their move to the Student Union Building and made some valuable contacts in the process.

The annual fall Career Expo, "Make Your Move," was held in the SUB on Oct. 29. Sponsored by the University Career Center, the Expo fulfilled its purpose of helping students get a taste of the real world.

"We wanted them (students) to come and see what skills recruiters were looking for and to basically just gather some information about the business world," Career Coordinator Susan Job said.

Underclassmen as well as upperclassmen benefitted from the Expo. "Coming to the Expo gave me a better picture of what the chemical field offers," said Sarah Noehl, a junior chemistry major.

The Expo also allowed business representatives to inform and answer students' questions about what goes on in companies.

Some of the business representatives offered advice to students in response to questions they had about the job market.

"I got a lot of questions about what students should major in, but I just told them to major in something they love because we take a variety of

majors," said John Gulley, applicant coordinator for the St. Louis branch of the FBI.

Last year marked an increase in business and student turnout. The UCC recorded 700 students in attendance, which is twice as many as in years past. This was attributed to early planning and publicity.

Some students preparing for graduation went to the Expo in search of a future job. They hoped to find a position which would fit their needs.

"I looked for a job that I am going to enjoy and that will give me experience," senior Danielle Becherer said.

In addition to looking for a job they would enjoy, students were influenced by other factors including accessibility and benefits.

"I looked at companies but I also took into consideration insurance benefits and whether or not they (companies) gave interviews here," senior Michelle Baechle said.

While mostly businesses attended the Expo, there were also law, medical and other graduate schools represented.

The 1996 Career Expo offered a chance for students to make their move, all with a little help from the UCC.

by Cassie Harvey-Brown

CREATING A NEW IMAGE

"One day I went to class to find a note on the door to say we weren't going to have class because of what it looked like inside."

✓senior Krista Grueninger

CAUSES STRESS AT VIOLETTE HALL



✓Donna Fisher, assistant professor of education, talks on the phone in her new office. Fisher was one of 20 faculty and staff members from her division to be relocated during Violette Hall renovations. The Division of Education was housed in the basement of Pickler Memorial Library while Violette Hall was renovated.

From getting up at the crack of dawn to trekking to Barnett Hall in mass herds, students and faculty dealt with minor inconveniences as Violette Hall's image changed.

In 1996, Violette Hall, the former home of the Divisions of Business and Accountancy, Math and Computer Science and Education, began a makeover, forcing classes and offices to relocate.

The business division moved to the basement of Brewer Hall, while the Divisions of Math and Computer Science and Education moved to Pickler Memorial Library, along with the Teacher Technology Center.

All in all, professors were satisfied with the space in Pickler.

"Here, we have more room, but the inconvenience is that our classrooms are scattered all over the place," said Eric Howard, head of the Division of Math and Computer Science.

Most of the classes formerly held in Violette Hall were moved to other buildings. For many students and professors, this meant additional travel time from class to class and a longer school day.

"We have to have more relatively early classes and more relatively late classes than normal," said Joe Flowers, professor of mathematics. Flow-

ers also said it took longer to walk to and from class than before. For students, this was a mild annoyance.

"With classes scattered all over the campus, it takes a longer time for the students to go from one class to another," senior Ranjan Ghosh said. Some classes were still held in Violette while the renovation was going on. In some cases, this was as inconvenient as finding a new location.

"One day, I went to class (Beginning Photography) to find a note on the door to say we weren't going to have class because of what it looked like inside," senior Krista Grueninger said. When Grueninger looked inside the room, all the desks were missing and there was dirt and clothes all over the floor. Renovations led to difficulties in the darkroom as well.

"Sometimes, the photo lab not only has no heat, it doesn't have hot water, which makes it impossible to develop film," Grueninger said.

Photography classes, along with all other classes still held in Violette, were forced out during the spring semester when the building was officially closed. Completely fenced in, Violette took on an abandoned image as the major renovations began.

*by Kelli Hauser
some information contributed by Shapath Bhatta*

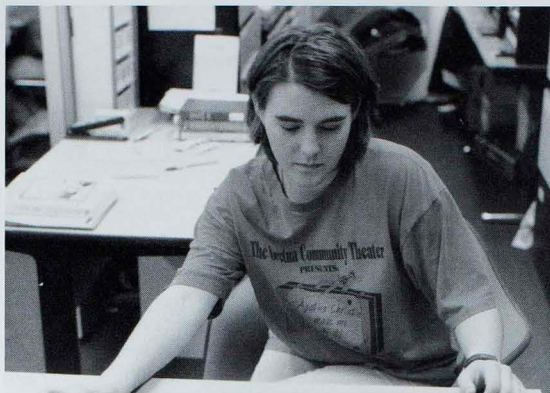


ACADEMIC IMAGE

- ✓ Violette Hall was scheduled to be ready by Fall 1998 with an estimated cost of \$7.2 million.
- ✓ Violette Hall renovation temporarily eliminated 31 classrooms and one computer lab.
- ✓ To compensate for the loss of classrooms, the University created seven new classrooms. This involved turning one Barnett Hall classroom into four separate rooms.



✓Senior Talia Teer works on a computer in the Division of Education office. Teer was working in the division office to gain experience. During the renovation of Violette Hall, the division office was located in the basement of Pickler Memorial Library. (photos by Laura Hoechst)



✓ Junior Jennifer Padberg works in the Language Lab in McClain Hall. Padberg's job entailed recording the names of students who wished to view the foreign language video or cassette tapes. Students needed to work an average of five hours a week for scholarship renewal in order to meet the requirement at the end of the semester. (photos by Cheri Heiser)

ACADEMIC IMAGE

- ✓ Truman State University awarded scholarships to 2,928 students during the 1996-97 academic year, totaling \$6,079,255.
- ✓ Students had to maintain a 3.25 grade point average in order to renew their scholarship for the next year.
- ✓ Students were required to work an average of **five** hours a week for a total of **67** hours at the end of the semester.

Scholarship renewal led to confusion as students dealt with Missouri's change in minimum wage.

In previous years, students were told to work 75 hours per semester. The Financial Aid Office gave students a rough guideline of five hours a week.

When the minimum wage was increased from \$4.25 to \$4.75 in October, this guideline was thrown out the window. Students received a flyer informing them that they only needed to work 67 hours per semester, and the number of hours would go back to 75 during the 1997-98 academic year.

Scholarship Coordinator Deanna Hunsaker said students could stop working when they finished their hours, or cut back on hours per week. Some students were still confused and had trouble figuring the amount of hours they still needed to complete their requirements.

"It would've been nice if they'd explained how many hours a week 67 hours works out to, for next semester," junior Angie Zahner said. "I think the University did the minor requirements by law to let everyone know. Why should they try to get people to stop early, especially when they don't have to pay them?"

Some students looked at their work as more than just a requirement.

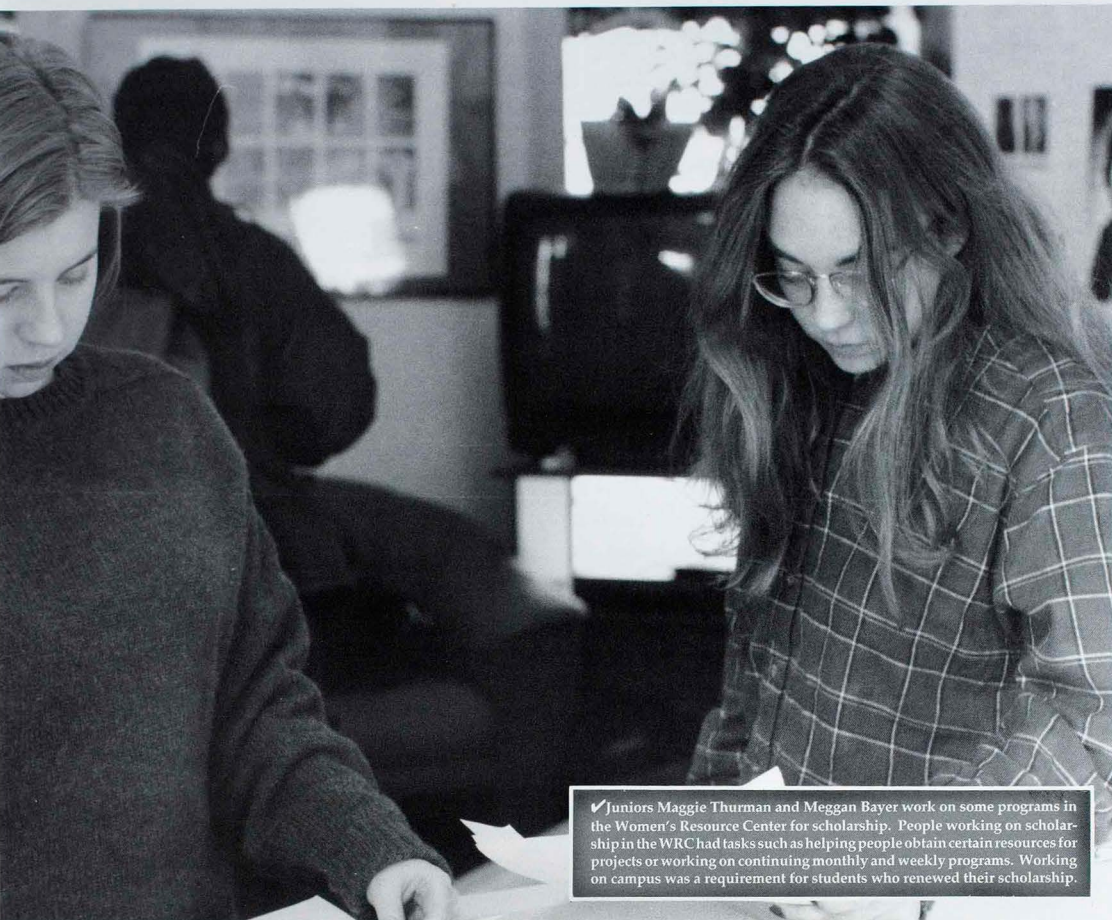
Junior Alex Moseley was one of those students. He believed whether there was a problem depended on the attitude of the student toward the situation. With the wrong attitude, students felt their jobs were more of an inconvenience than a learning experience.

"I look at this as a curriculum experience," he said. "I'm here to become an English teacher, so I look at it as a form of training and experience which was valuable in and of itself."

This attitude was what the financial aid office hoped students had toward scholarship work. For most students, it was easier to continue working the five hours a week than try to work out how many hours they had left. This allowed flexibility in calculating hours at the end of the semester. The existence of a problem ultimately rested on communication between the student and the professor.

"Maintaining a good, healthy relationship with their office assistant naturally alleviates a problem," Moseley said. "The loyalty that builds out of that encourages a person's work ethic, and they might make the effort to work more efficiently."

by *Bonny Young*



✓Juniors Maggie Thurman and Meggan Bayer work on some programs in the Women's Resource Center for scholarship. People working on scholarship in the WRC had tasks such as helping people obtain certain resources for projects or working on continuing monthly and weekly programs. Working on campus was a requirement for students who renewed their scholarship.

MINIMUM WAGE CONFUSES ALL

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✓junior Alex Moseley

BUT MOST STUDENTS WORK ON

For many Truman students, a tutor was the next best thing to having their own personal teacher. Finding a tutor on campus was not difficult for students in need of academic help. Tutors were readily available for all students, free of charge.

Senior Kim Diekmann was a history major who attended a Latin tutor twice a week.

"I got the attention and the extra help help that I couldn't get in class," Diekmann said.

Diekmann said tutors helped to create a strong academic atmosphere for students to take back to the classroom. They provided the small group instruction that was not always possible with a whole class.

Tutors were either paid minimum wage by the University, or they provided their services for scholarship hours.

Senior Lisa Becker, a computer science major, was a student aide to Wayne Bailey, professor of computer science. She tutored computer science classes at or below the 200 level.

"It helped me a lot to be a tutor, because when I teach the students, it helps me remember what I had learned," Becker said.

Becker said while the increase in minimum wage affected tutors, she worked for scholarship hours instead of direct pay.

Sophomore Kristin Juul, a Spanish major, was paid for her services. A Spanish tutor, Juul met with approximately 25 students a week. Attending the Spanish tutor was a requirement when taking foreign language classes.

Juul said she planned to go into teaching, and she enjoyed the experience tutoring had to offer.

"I help students gain better communication abilities," Juul said. "We'll do verbal exercises and sometimes use the language computers to enhance those abilities."

Julie Nenninger, a junior math major, worked for Jay Belanger, assistant professor of mathematics. She provided her service for three hours a week.

"It's a lot of fun, and it helps me review by helping others," Nenninger said.

Like Nenninger, the other tutors seemed to enjoy helping others. They also found reward in working for the University.

"All of us are willing to help out others," Becker said. "It's a rewarding thing to do for the University."

by Catherine Sanders

ACADEMIC IMAGE

- ✓ Tutors help an average of **25** students a week for at least **one** hour each.
- ✓ Foreign language classes had a total of **53** tutors for the Spring **1997** semester.
- ✓ The Division of Math and Computer Science had **nine** tutors for pre-calculus and calculus students for the Spring **1997** semester.

✓ Freshmen Lashandra Stephens, Mary Ellen Hanff and junior Susan Kehoe are tutored by senior Amy Benoist. Going to a tutor was a one hour a week requirement for all students in French. It was a time when students asked questions and got help studying for their quizzes and tests.

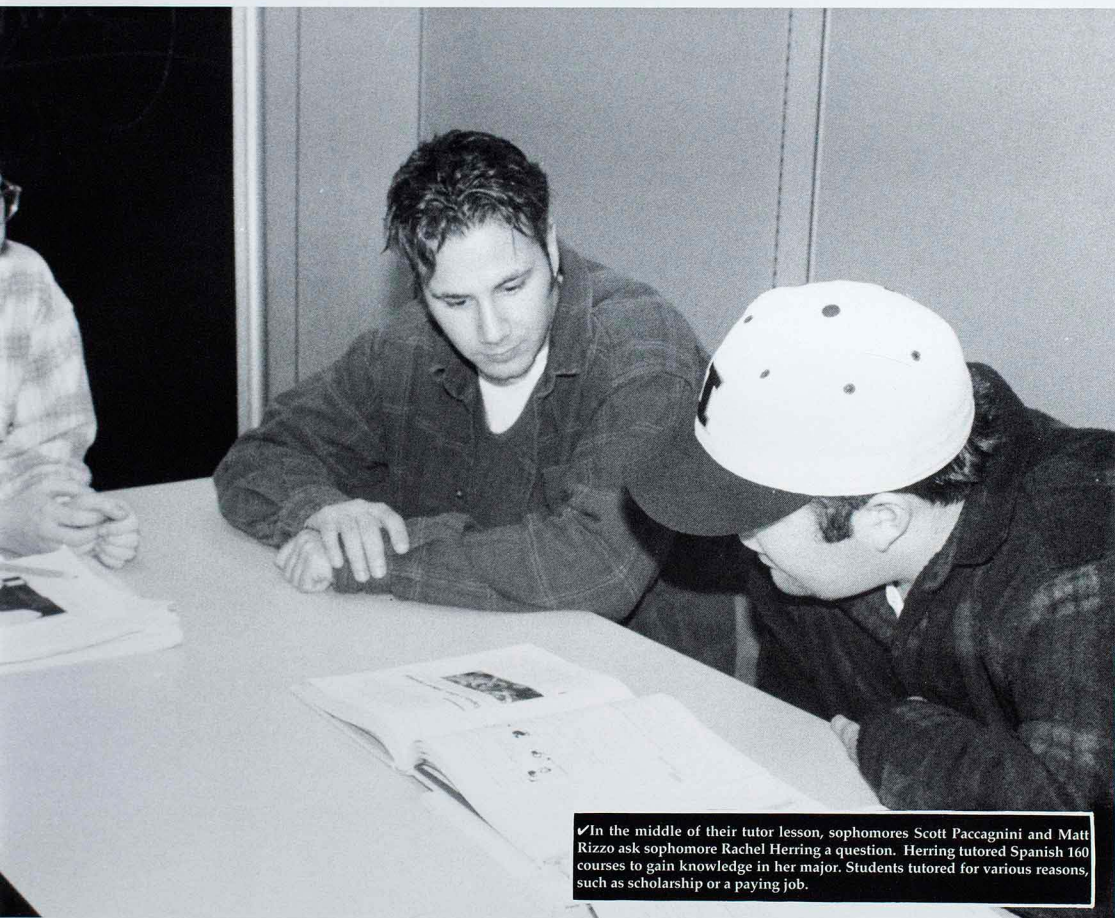


TUTORS HELP STUDENTS

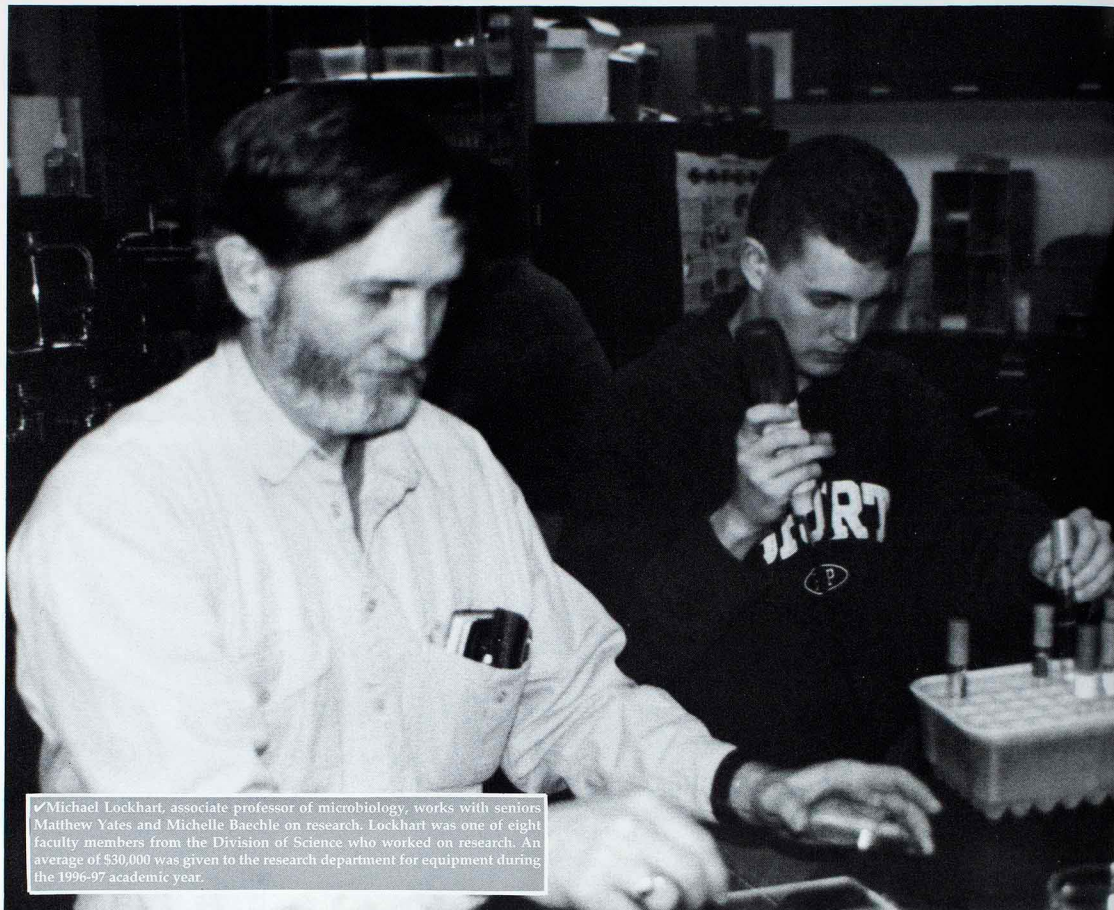
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✓senior Lisa Becker

WHILE HELPING THEMSELVES



✓In the middle of their tutor lesson, sophomores Scott Paccagnini and Matt Rizzo ask sophomore Rachel Herring a question. Herring tutored Spanish 160 courses to gain knowledge in her major. Students tutored for various reasons, such as scholarship or a paying job.



✓Michael Lockhart, associate professor of microbiology, works with seniors Matthew Yates and Michelle Baechle on research. Lockhart was one of eight faculty members from the Division of Science who worked on research. An average of \$30,000 was given to the research department for equipment during the 1996-97 academic year.

WEIGHING CATERPILLER WASTE

"The research I am doing is not glamorous. I am weighing caterpillar waste and determining the sex of moths."

✓senior Kevin Wheeler

FOR REWARDING PURPOSES



✓Senior Matt Yates works with test tubes for a research project. A total of \$25,000 was given to students for operation of research for the 1996-97 year. Students also worked to acquire outside grants. (photos by Laura Hoechst)

ACADEMIC IMAGE

- ✓ An estimated **\$198,000** in outside grants from private organizations and the federal government was given to researchers at Truman.
- ✓ Research students received an estimated **\$45,000** in internal grants from faculty research stipends.
- ✓ An estimated grand total of **\$298,000** was spent on research at Truman for the **1996-97** year.
- ✓ Out of the **700** biology majors at Truman, **110** participated in research.

Students gained experience for their future by working on research projects ranging from slime molds to moth gender.

Unique wasn't enough to describe what senior Matt Yates discovered in the biology department. Yates did research for Michael Lockhart, associate professor of microbiology, and spent about five to 10 hours a week working with slime molds.

Yates said he considered the research to be an extracurricular activity. "Many people participate in sports and social activities," Yates said. "I choose to do research in my free time and it is very rewarding."

Lockhart had seven students working on research in the spring compared to the average of about two to three people.

Senior Kevin Wheeler did research in the science field for Tom Bultman, associate professor of biology.

"The research I am doing is not glamorous," Wheeler said. "I am weighing caterpillar waste and determining the sex of moths."

It was not glamorous, but Wheeler did the work so he could gain experience and because a research project looked good on a graduate school application.

The research many of the students on the Truman State University campus conducted was for publication.

"The research that we are working on right now will hopefully be published in a science journal, and the students might get the chance to go to a conference such as the National Science Foundation to present their work," Lockhart said.

Students liked to do research for teachers for three reasons, according to Yates.

One reason was graduate school. It was a good idea to get as much experience as possible and pump up a resume.

The second reason was because they wanted to find out what people in the field were actually doing. Working on a research project prepared a person for what they could be doing when they graduated.

"I want to understand and know what I am putting myself through once I actually get a job," Yates said.

Finally, the research done on campus was very rewarding to the student and beneficial to the student's future.

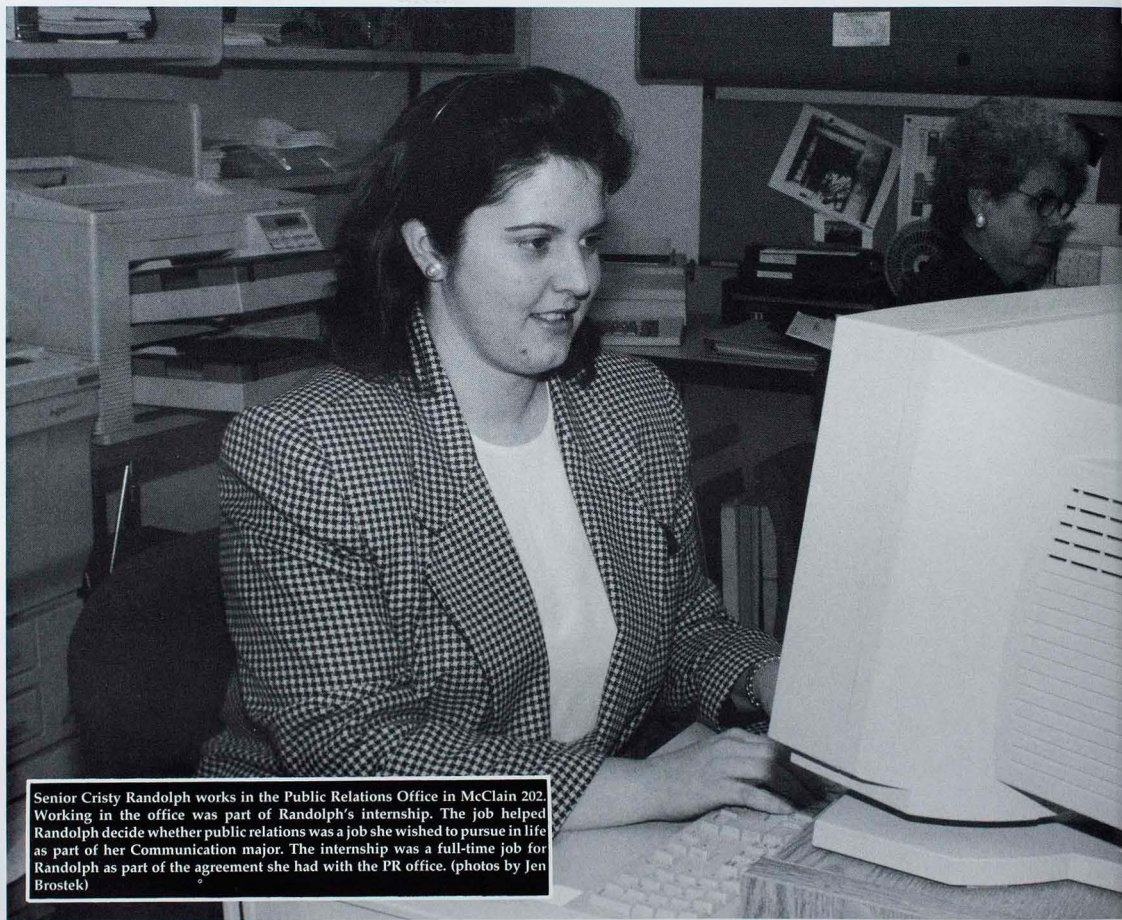
by Erin Harms

INTERNSHIPS HELP STUDENTS

"Internships are invaluable just because you experience things. I know I'm a lot stronger from my internship and the experiences I faced."

✓senior Jennifer VanWinkle

DECIDE WHAT NOT TO DO



Senior Cristy Randolph works in the Public Relations Office in McClain 202. Working in the office was part of Randolph's internship. The job helped Randolph decide whether public relations was a job she wished to pursue in life as part of her Communication major. The internship was a full-time job for Randolph as part of the agreement she had with the PR office. (photos by Jen Brostek)

Sometimes the most valuable educational experience for students was in learning what they didn't want to do.

Senior Jennifer VanWinkle saw more than she bargained for during her summer internship at Bellefontaine Hospital in St. Louis. She worked in the hospital's rehabilitation center to earn credit toward her psychology degree.

"The first two weeks of my internship, I didn't think I was going to make it," Van Winkle said. "I was scared to death, but lots of it was just learning how to respond and understand these people."

Senior Cristy Randolph gained experience closer to home when she took an internship in the University's Public Relations Office. She worked 40 hours a week for 15 hours of credit.

The practical experience Randolph gained did not come without hard work. She was responsible for sending out press releases and putting together the *Truman Today* every week. But Randolph accepted the challenges of the job because it helped her decide what she wanted to do after graduation.

"It has provided me with a chance to explore my options and realize what is out there to do," Randolph said.

Senior Will Robinette had a summer internship with an investment company in Kansas City. He said that his internship was a valuable learning experience for his marketing major.

"I got to see how a business operated," Robinette said. "It was good to see how people interacted."

But Robinette also learned he did not want to enter that job field when he graduated. He said without his internship experience, he probably would have entered a profession he would not have enjoyed. It was a common lesson learned by interns.

VanWinkle learned a similar lesson from her internship experience.

"I learned that I did not want to work in this type of job, first of all," she said. "But I also learned how to appreciate people even though they were so incredibly different."

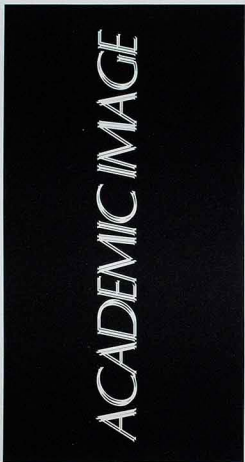
Even the interns who were paid said they didn't do it for the money.

"Internships are invaluable just because you experience things," VanWinkle said. "I know I'm a lot stronger from my internship because of the experiences I faced."

by Jennifer Odefey

some information contributed by Nathan Talley





- ✓ Truman State University had **24** interns for the Spring **1997** semester.
- ✓ Masters of Art in Education had a total of **21** interns for the Spring **1997** semester.
- ✓ Students had to maintain a **2.75** GPA in order to apply for an internship.
- ✓ Students could enroll in a minimum of **five** hours and a maximum of **15** hours in holding an internship.



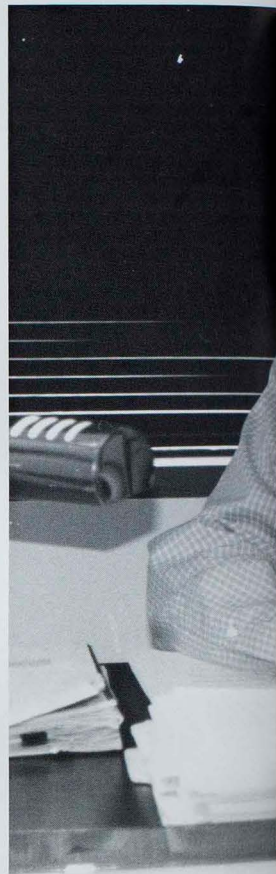
Senior Shirley Arteaga works for her internship in the Alumni Office. Arteaga's duties for the second semester included working with fundraising. Arteaga was granted the internship as part of a minorities in higher education program.



✓ Garry Gordon, vice president for academic affairs, meets with Ralph Cupelli, assistant to the vice president, and Alanna Preussner, associate vice president for academic affairs. The vice president for academic affairs was responsible for the academic programs and operations of the University. Gordon took over on a temporary purpose Jan. 2.

ACADEMIC IMAGE

- ✓ Gordon was the **first** Faculty Senate President in 1993.
- ✓ Gordon co-authored a paper accepted for publication in the North Central Association proceedings in 1996.
- ✓ Gordon served as an associate professor of art from 1989-1996.
- ✓ In 1979, Gordon earned the Virginia Museum Fellowship for his work in studio art.



The Vice President's office welcomed a new face on Jan. 2 when Garry Gordon, associate professor of art, was appointed as vice president for academic affairs.

Gordon shaped drab administrative duties into colorful artistic challenges with his commitment to assessment and contributions to various academic committees.

Gordon's 18-month appointment was made by President Jack Magruder. Magruder made the choice after a year-and-a-half process by the selection committee proved unproductive. The committee looked for candidates possessing specific skills in administration, assessment, liberal arts and sciences teaching and scholarship.

Magruder said Gordon's tireless service to the University since 1980 proved he was highly qualified for the position. Gordon was given the option to take the position permanently.

"I think he complements me, since I come from the sciences," Magruder said.

Gordon said the University was a wonderful institution and was a large part of shaping his life.

"I feel like I'm a student," Gordon said. "I'm always learning; it has

been a rich experience for me here."

Gordon was active on various academic committees and was recognized as a superior educator. He said his devotion to the assessment program was for selfish reasons. He knew by monitoring student progress, the curriculum could be adapted by the faculty and administration to fill any voids revealed by student assessment.

Matt Ebert, a senior art major and former student of Gordon's, respected his professionalism.

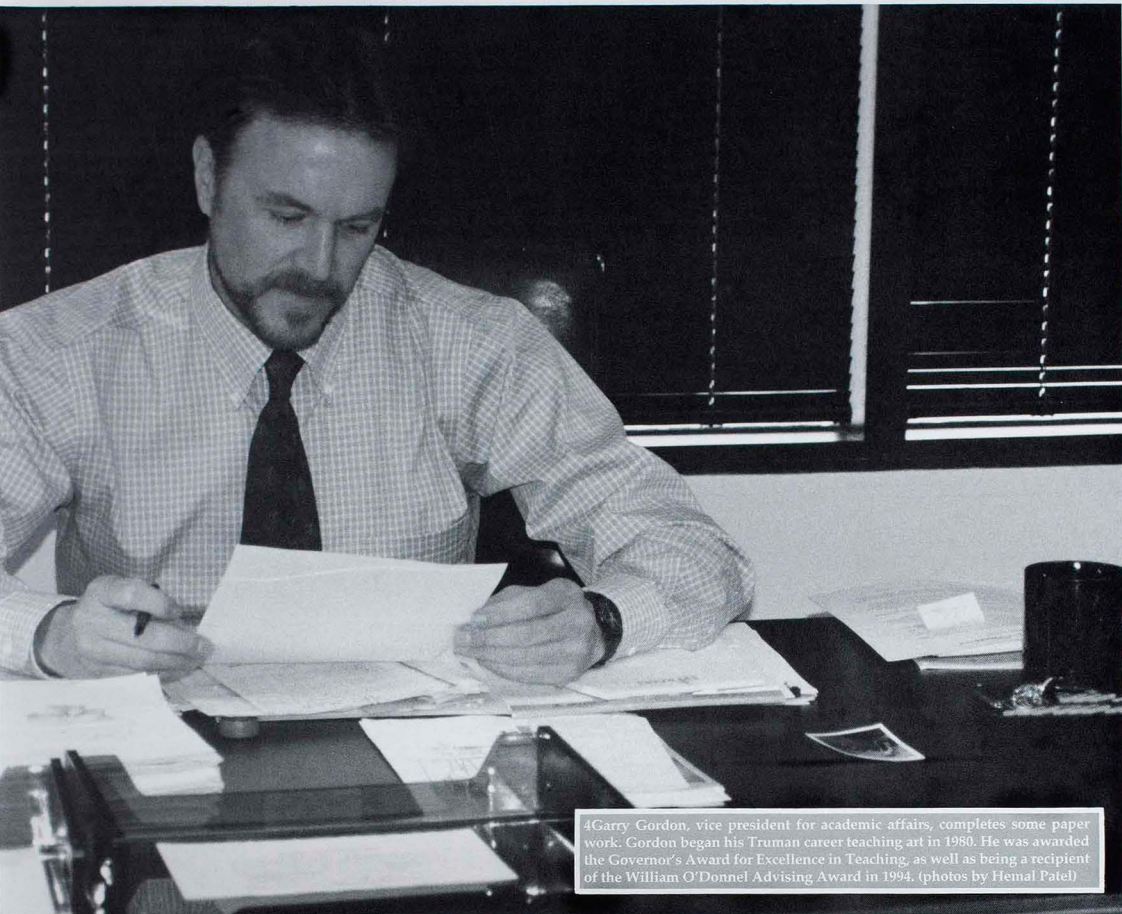
"He is fair [to students] and pushes art on a conceptual basis," Ebert said. "Gordon is very serious about his profession and challenges art students to strive for higher levels of creativity in their art work."

Ebert said Gordon was very approachable and communicated well with his students. He said Gordon's students were aware of his commitment to the assessment program.

Gordon said his primary function was to promote student learning. He said his personal mission was to help Truman, as an institution, focus.

"We are very ambitious to get things done and sometimes we come up short," he said. "We could focus on a shared vision."

by Lu Ann Briscoe



4Garry Gordon, vice president for academic affairs, completes some paper work. Gordon began his Truman career teaching art in 1980. He was awarded the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, as well as being a recipient of the William O'Donnel Advising Award in 1994. (photos by Hemal Patel)

GORDON COLORS CANVAS

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✓Garry Gordon, vice president for academic affairs

IN ADMINISTRATIVE ROLE

Two brothers. Two different majors. Two very similar requirements for graduation.

Fifth-year senior John Spomer was a vocal music performance major at Truman. His brother Dan a junior art major. Their majors both fell under the broad category of fine arts, but they had more in common than the same academic division.

As a requirement for graduation, John gave a senior music recital in the spring, while Dan was required to display five of his best works in a sophomore performance review in the fall.

"All music performance majors are required to give both a junior and senior music recital," John said. "The junior recital must have at least 30 minutes of music, and the senior recital must have at least 45 minutes of music."

John said the recitals were always open to the public, which gave the performer a chance to share his or her talents with fellow students.

"When you put on a good recital in front of an audience, it shows people the talent and hard work it takes to be a musician," John said.

Meanwhile, Dan had to go through a similar process to earn his art degree. He had already had his sophomore proficiency review, which he

passed on his first try. He said the review was sometimes a tense situation.

"You get two, or maybe three, chances to pass the sophomore review," Dan said. "If you fail, you are told to change your major."

Despite the pressure, Dan found the experience quite rewarding.

"It gives you a chance to get used to talking about your work in front of others in a professional manner," Dan said.

Dan showed the panel of art faculty five of his best works up to that time. Four of the works were two-dimensional, while one was three-dimensional. Once Dan passed his review, his works were displayed on the second floor of Baldwin Hall.

Dan was also required to present a senior portfolio review to the faculty before graduation. He said it was similar to the sophomore review, but on a larger scale.

"The art department reserves a room in Ophelia [Parrish] for all the graduating seniors," Dan said. "Their best works are displayed in that room for everyone to see."

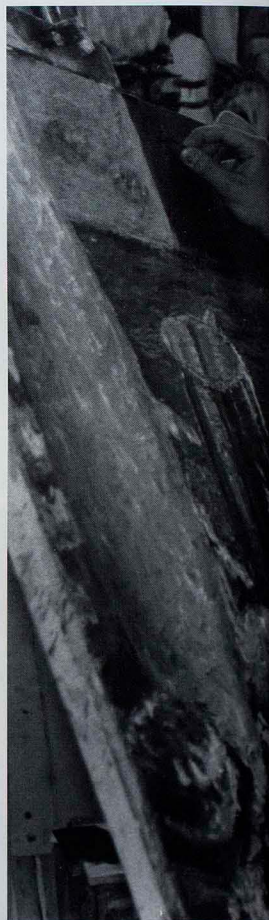
John earned his degree in music performance in August (1997), while Dan hoped to graduate sometime in 1998.

by Brian Moline

ACADEMIC IMAGE

- ✓ Degrees in music could only be obtained by presenting a public recital consisting of 30 minutes of music in a chosen field.
- ✓ A minimum GPA requirement of 2.5 was necessary for candidates receiving a Bachelor of Fine Arts or Bachelor of Arts.
- ✓ In order to receive a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Fine Arts, a student completed at least 26 hours of required courses to enter their designated major.

✓Senior John Spomer practices his part for the opera "Dido and Aeneas." The opera was performed in Baldwin Auditorium April 23-24. Spomer's performance in the opera was part of his music major requirement.

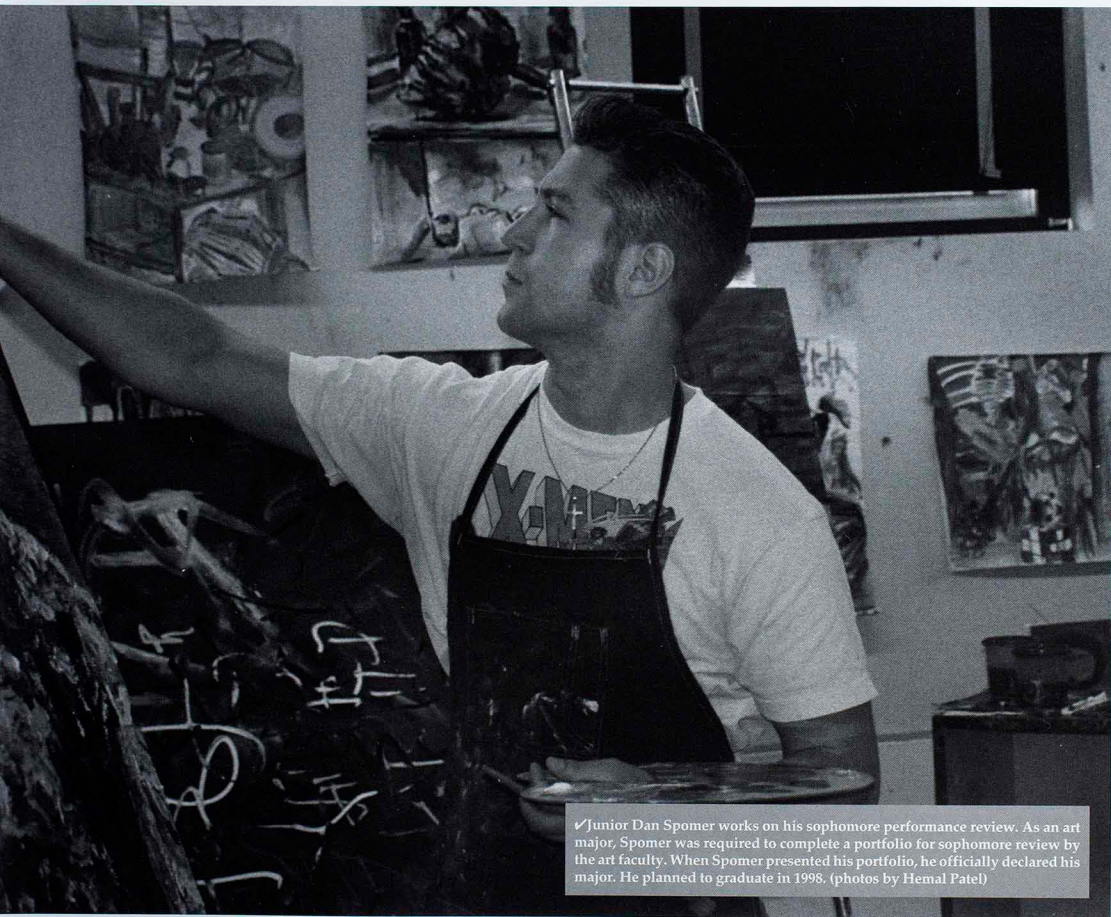


BROTHERS TRAVEL SAME PATH

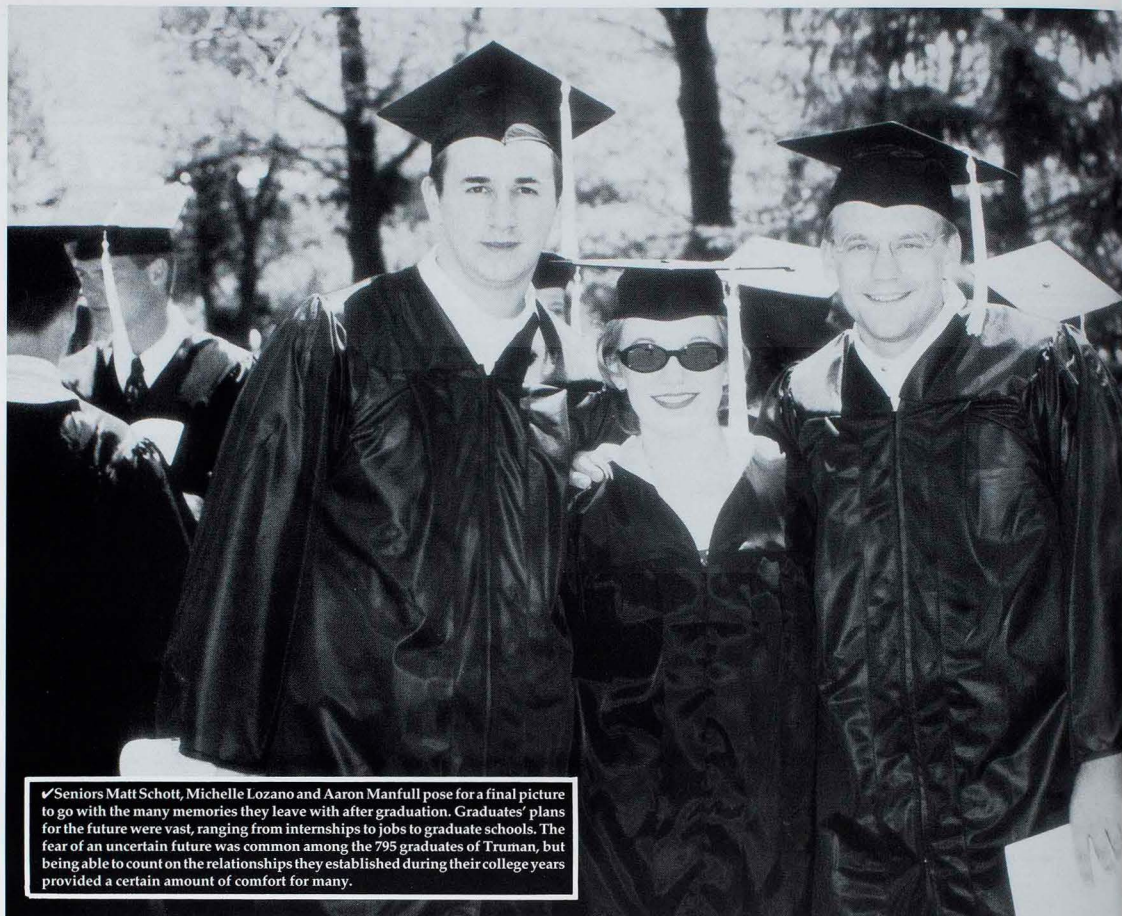
"When you put on a good recital in front of an audience, it shows people the talent and hard work it takes to be a musician."

✓senior John Spomer

AND FIND JOURNEY IS DIFFERENT



✓Junior Dan Spomer works on his sophomore performance review. As an art major, Spomer was required to complete a portfolio for sophomore review by the art faculty. When Spomer presented his portfolio, he officially declared his major. He planned to graduate in 1998. (photos by Hemal Patel)



✓Seniors Matt Schott, Michelle Lozano and Aaron Manfull pose for a final picture to go with the many memories they leave with after graduation. Graduates' plans for the future were vast, ranging from internships to jobs to graduate schools. The fear of an uncertain future was common among the 795 graduates of Truman, but being able to count on the relationships they established during their college years provided a certain amount of comfort for many.

IT'S SO HARD TO SAY

"I never knew how much I would miss this place until the day it actually happened...graduation"

✓Senior Erin Harms

GOODBYE TO YESTERDAY



✓ Filled with anticipation, excitement and a little bit of fear for the future, seniors march in the processional to Stokes Stadium. The processional led seniors on a final tour of Truman's campus, allowing them the opportunity to pay their respects to the Joseph Baldwin Memorial Statue and the Eternal Flame. (photos by Antony George)

ACADEMIC IMAGE

- ✓ 795 graduates made the 1997 Spring class the largest graduating class since December graduation was added
- ✓ The 1997 ceremony was the 1st Spring Commencement held since the University changed its name to Truman State University.
- ✓ Truman awarded 373 B.S. degrees, 327 B.A. degrees, 8 B.F.A. degrees, 3 B.M. degrees, 22 M.A. degrees, 22 M.A.E. degrees, 39 B.S.N. degrees and 1 M.S. degree.

May 10, 1997 was more than a beautiful sunny day in Kirksville. It was a day for the 795 graduates of Truman State University to shine.

Academic experiences were not the things graduates would miss the most. Seniors agreed the most difficult part of leaving Kirksville was saying goodbye to the many people that touched their lives at some point during their college careers.

Even though they found it hard to say their goodbyes, most graduates felt ready to leave Kirksville. That did not, however, mean they felt ready for what awaited them after graduation.

Senior Maureen O'Neill earned her degree in communication disorders, but she said she learned about much more than her major in her years of college.

"It has taught me how to question things," O'Neill said. "It has also taught me that I want to continue learning."

Senior Colleen Coogan said her years in Kirksville provided more than an academic learning experience.

"College has really taught me how to learn about myself," Coogan said.

The future was a scary thing for most graduates. Some headed for new jobs, while others still searched for work. Some planned to attend graduate school, while others had plans for marriage. Whatever their plans, most graduates were unsure of life after Truman.

"I have really gotten a sense of peace in the past few weeks," O'Neill said. "I am afraid of losing that peace while I start looking for a job."

Coogan also had fears about her future and about leaving her life in Kirksville.

"I am scared of losing sight of what is really important," Coogan said. "My life has become so focused, and change makes it easy to lose focus. I am trying to hold onto everything."

Although senior Bill Curtis knew he would be attending law school in the fall, he was still unsure of leaving the people he met in Kirksville.

"I am ready to go," Curtis said, "but I am still sad. I feel ready for the next step."

The next step became a reality as the class of 1997 got their papers, and they were free.

by Jennifer Odefey

sports

The image of sports was a reflection of the camaraderie between teammates. It was a camaraderie which endured disappointment as well as success. The determination and diligence kept the athletes going through the long, hard hours of practice. From the crowd-pleasing images of Spike and Simone and the cheerleaders to the behind-the-scenes work of the athletic trainers, the Athletic Department pulled together when it mattered most. When it came to school spirit, the Bulldogs were untouchable. Some familiar faces left, and new coaches were welcomed as the teams unified under the Bulldog name. Young teams anticipated the future with optimism as established teams prepared for the loss of key players. The Truman swim teams splashed the Bulldog name all over national rankings. Football team members took pride in sharing the field with one of the best players in Division II. The soccer field was the place to be as the MIAA conference champs set the scene for a winning season. There was no room for slouching on the volleyball court when the MIAA conference MVP broke records all over the books. It was a year for changes on and off the field. Ultimate Frisbee™ progressed beyond trend status. The St. Louis Cardinals made it to the playoffs for the first time in nine years. One thing was true across the board. In the end, wins or losses were not that important. Throughout it all, it was all about perseverance. Each team was a winner.

Create An Image

Jennifer Odefey, Section Editor

Chris Griffin, Section Designer



Gardner Track

Running with the wind in one's hair became easier on Truman's new all-weather track and field facility. The renovations on the track began in May 1996, and the track's surface was complete by the end of August 1996. Resurfacing Gardner Track cost approximately \$725,000. Previously, the track had poor drainage and therefore, in inclement weather, the track was muddy and unusable.

Nine-Year Itch

It was nine long years in the making, but the St. Louis Cardinals finally returned to the major league baseball postseason picture. The Cardinals finished their season at the top of the National League Central Division with an 88-74 record.

With St. Louis so close and the playoffs so exciting, some students couldn't help but spend a day at Busch Stadium cheering on the home team.

"In order to see the game, I had to skip three classes: Mass Communications, Health and Wellness and Public Relations," sophomore Mike Cox said. "It was the first time the Cardinals were in the playoffs since I moved there."

Even students who didn't attend games in the regular season caught pennant fever.

"The playoffs are more intense than the regular season," senior Tim Sedovic said. "Every game is a sellout, and you have 50,000 fans screaming for every pitch. There's nothing like it."

The first round of the playoffs

Senior Brad Mueller, sophomore Todd Nelson and junior Dave Solovitz enjoy a playoff game between the Cardinals and Padres. The three friends took a trip to St. Louis to see the game. Many baseball fans at Truman decided it was worth taking a day off classes to attend the playoffs.

brought delight to all Cardinals fans, as their team swept the San Diego Padres three games to none.

In the National League Championship Series, the Cardinals dropped the first game to the reigning world champion Atlanta Braves. The Cardinals came back though, and took the next three games in an exciting comeback.

Going up 3-1 in the series, the Cardinals had mentally packed their bags for New York. They thought they were on their way to the World Series.

Unfortunately for St. Louis, the Braves outscored the Cards 32-1 in the final three games to become the first team to ever be down 3-1 in the NLCS and emerge in victory.

This was not the first time the Cardinals had blown a 3-1 series lead in postseason play. They lost leads in the 1968 and 1985 World Series as well.

St. Louis also had the distinction of being home to the only team to ever lose the playoffs with a 3-1 series lead more than once.

While Cardinals fans dealt with their disappointment, other students welcomed the Braves' win.

"Of course I wanted the Cardinals to win, but if any team can come back from being down 3-1 it's Atlanta," sophomore Steve Dittmeier said. "They have, arguably, the best pitching staff ever."

Fans were always fans, and after the World Series began without the Cardinals, disgruntled students expressed their angst.

Students from Kansas City enjoyed teasing their St. Louis friends about the redbird loss. Of course, some fans were happy to have just a small taste of postseason bliss.

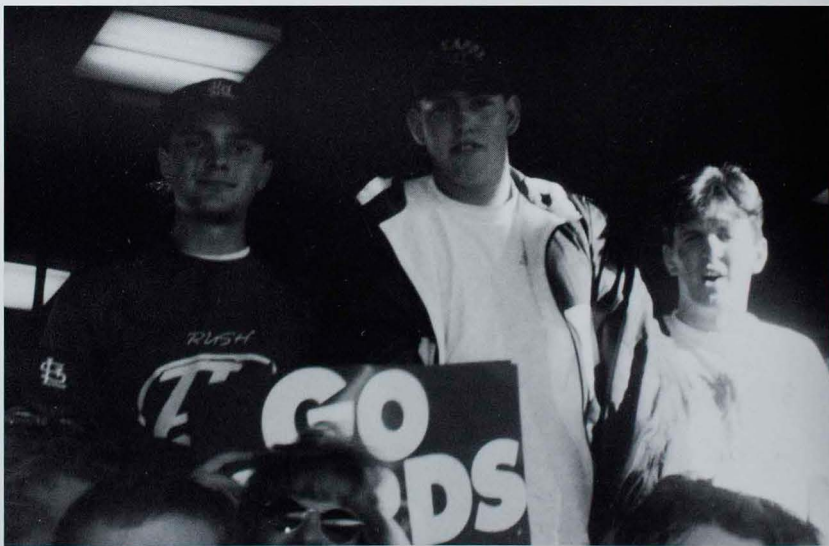
Sophomore Mike Brunner was one of those content fans.

"I'm sorry the Cardinals didn't go all the way," Brunner said.

However, Brunner was not sorry he had the opportunity to attend a Cardinals playoffs game and be part of the postseason excitement.

"It ruled," Brunner said.

by Chris Griffin





Sophomore Mike Brunner receives his playoff tickets in the mail. In order to see the October games, tickets had to be purchased in early September. Students like Brunner eagerly awaited the arrival of their tickets.

Junior Dave Solovitz and sophomore Todd Nelson rise for the national anthem. From the crack of the bat to the roar of the crowd, the fans enjoyed every part of the playoff games. The Cardinals ended their season one win shy of the World Series.



Cardinal fans jump around and cheer to celebrate a Cardinal base hit. At a playoff game, the fans screamed constantly. For many St. Louis fans, it was a dream come true to finally have the Cardinals in a playoff game. Having some of the games in St. Louis was an added bonus for the Cardinal fans. (photos by Chris Griffin)

Cardinal Breakdown

World Series Titles:

1926, 1931, 1934, 1942,
1944, 1946, 1964, 1967,
1982

National League Pennants:

1926, 1928, 1930, 1931,
1934, 1942, 1943, 1944,
1946, 1964, 1967, 1968,
1982, 1985, 1987

Division Titles:

1982, 1985, 1987, 1996

Number of Players in the Hall of Fame:

35

One Game Shy

The football season was one for the record books as the Bulldogs took on the toughest Division II schedule in 1996.

With only four losses to top 10 Division II teams and a top 20 Division I-AA squad, the Bulldogs came together toward the end of the season with one common goal, to win five straight, and they did.

"The last five victories have been the greatest of my career," senior tailback Jarrett Anderson said.

Anderson had the most impressive career of any back at Truman. He held 13 Truman records, 12 Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association records and shared five NCAA records.

Anderson's most impressive records included Division II's leading season rusher and third in career rushing on the all-division list surpassing such greats as Herschel Walker, Tony Dorsett, Walter Payton, Archie Griffin and Johnny Bailey.

Anderson was also a top candi-

date for the Harlon Hill Trophy, presented to the NCAA Division II player of the year.

"A player like Jarrett only comes along every 50 years or so," head coach John Ware said. "I'm honored to have been his coach and watch him develop into one of the best backs in college football history."

Despite an impressive season for Anderson and the team, their greatest loss was against Northwest Missouri State University which was ranked No. 2 in Division II.

The "Old Hickory Stick" game, as it was dubbed, was the longest Division II rivalry. The 1996 season marked the 64th meeting of Truman and Northwest as the Bulldogs lost "the Stick" they had owned since 1985, the longest streak since the battle began.

"It was hard losing the Hickory Stick my senior year and not having the chance to get it back," Anderson said. "The guys left on

the team will have the chance to get it next year."

This year also saw the end of some impressive Bulldog careers. Along with Anderson, 14 other seniors ended their careers at Truman in 1996, including All-Americans Bill Crews and Jim Guntli.

"It's a bittersweet time as the seniors leave, but they've done great things as football players and student athletes," Ware said. "Each player leaves behind a small piece of his legacy for the younger guys to learn and grow from. They will be missed."

The Bulldogs went 7-4 on the season finishing second in the MIAA as Ware rounded out his second year as head coach.

Just one game shy of first place, the Truman football team had a positive outlook for future seasons. With the wins piling up, the Bulldogs hoped to improve the next season and at last receive a playoff birth.

by Chris Allison

Creating Their—Own Image

The image I want perceived is that of a program rich in tradition that is able to combine athletics and academics, and still have an excellent football program. I want to maintain the old tradition with the new Truman name.
—Coach John Ware



Despite their efforts, senior linebacker Jason Rollison and sophomore defensive back Kelly Taylor cannot stop Washburn from scoring. The touchdown was not enough as the Bulldogs won the game 38-21. The Bulldogs ended the season in second place in the MIAA Conference. (photo submitted)



After catching a kickoff, sophomore running back Deric Johnson attempts to return the ball for a touchdown. Johnson returned 18 kickoffs during the season for 414 yards. He also rushed for 255 yards, second only to senior tailback Jarrett Anderson. (photo by Dave Bowers)



Senior offensive tackle Jim Guntli holds the pocket for the Bulldog offense. The Bulldogs finished the season with a 7-4 record. The Bulldogs were tough to beat at home, only losing once in five home games. (photo submitted)

Junior quarterback Nate Minnis looks for a receiver while senior tailback Jarett Anderson helps secure the pocket. The Bulldogs won in front of 4,500 fans on Family Day to raise their conference record to 2-0. The team ended their season with a five game winning streak. (photo by Dave Bowers)



1996 *Football* Scoreboard

Valdosta State University	L	35-49
Southwest Missouri State	L	12-44
University of Missouri-Rolla	W	30-14
Washburn University	W	38-21
Pittsburg State University	L	16-31
Northwest Missouri State	L	22-52
Central Missouri State	W	45-10
Missouri Western State	W	33-7
Missouri Southern State	W	38-28
Emporia State University	W	55-20
Southwest Baptist University	W	36-7

Football

Soccer

1996 Men's Soccer Scoreboard

Alderson-Broadus	L	0-3	Southwest Baptist	W	5-0
Regis University	W	4-2	Lincoln University	W	5-3
Missouri-St. Louis	L	1-2	Baker University	W	1-0
Quincy University	W	1-0	Columbia College	L	2-3
Lewis University	W	2-1	Missouri-Rolla	W	1-0
Wisconsin-Parkside	W	2-1	SIU-Edwardsville	L	2-4
Rockhurst College	L	0-3	Fort Lewis	L	1-4
Missouri Southern	W	2-1	University of Denver	W	3-1
Gannon University	W	2-1	Eckerd	W	1-0
Oakland	L	0-1	LYNN	L	0-3



Senior goalkeeper Derek Mazeitis keeps the ball out of harm's way while freshmen backs Brian Werner and Kory Fuller, junior back Scott Meis, and junior midfielder Jimmy Duran look on. Mazeitis started 19 games and led Truman goaltenders with three shutouts. Those three shutouts gave him 17 for his career, third all-time among Truman goalies. His 285 career saves also placed him third on the all-time saves list. He was named an All-MIAA Team honorable mention.

Senior back Marty Chrenka soars through the air to clear the ball away from the Bulldog's goal. Chrenka scored twice during the season and was named to the All-MIAA first team. He was also named to the MIAA All-Academic team.



Conference Champs

The Truman men's soccer team created a winning image across the nation in 1995 when the team reached the postseason for only the second time in the 17-year history. In 1996 this image continued, but on a smaller scope.

"We set a standard for soccer here, but I'm not sure if we really lived all the way up to it this season," senior midfielder Ryan Seim said.

Despite the men's 12-8 overall record, the team continued to dominate the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association by clinching the conference title for the third consecutive year as it went 4-0 in conference play in 1996.

"Our overall record reflects the season better because we weren't perfect this year even though we were undefeated in conference," Seim said. "We were an up and down team because we would win a couple tough games, but then we'd lose another."

Senior sweeper Joe Nick led the

team in scoring as he finished the season with nine assists and 14 goals, including four game-winning goals. In his four-year career with the Bulldogs, Nick tied the all-time record for assists with 26 and was tied for second for the most single-season goals with 14. The MIAA chose Nick as the Most Valuable Player in the conference.

The defense of senior goalkeeper Derek Mazeitis contributed to the winning record as he started 19 of the 20 games. He earned the third-place spot on the all-time list for saves with 285 and third on the all-time shutout list with 17.

"We're a young team with a lot of potential in the future, and you can see that in the way we played this season," Siem said. "We had a lot of freshmen this year, so I think the team will continue to improve over the years."

The team consisted of 30 players, including 17 freshmen, one sophomore, seven juniors and only six seniors. Of the 17 freshmen,

eight saw some playing time, including Brian Werner who started all but one of the 20 games.

"I knew there was going to be a lot of players in my class, so I knew that we would be a very experienced team after a year or two of playing together," Werner said.

Eleven players received all-conference honors, including Nick, Seim and Werner. Chrenka and Duran also made first team while junior Matt Barry, senior Scott Meis and freshman Steve Wilhusen made the second team. Honorable mention included Mazeitis and juniors Kevin Kelly and Mike Quante, the only Bulldog to start all 20 games in the 1996 season.

After his second season with the Bulldogs, the MIAA selected Head Coach Dennis Sweeney as Co-Coach of the Year. Sweeney planned to return for the 1997 season to build the reputation with the help of the young players he brought to the program.

by Tracie Hitz

Creating Their Own Image

The image we wanted was a championship team. I know it is an image we had. We had a pretty good season, and we won the conference. We fell apart at the end, but I don't think that affected our team image.

--senior back Marty Chrenka



Freshman forward Buddy Entwistle and an opponent watch and react to the play going on next to them. Entwistle was one of eight freshmen to play during the season. He was also one of three freshmen to contribute to scoring with one assist. Forward Steve Wilhusen had a goal and three assists and forward Brian Werner had two goals and five assists.



The Truman Bulldogs fail to gain possession of the ball, despite junior back Mike Quante's slide. Quante was named an All-MIAA honorable mention, one of 11 Bulldog players on the All-MIAA team. The Bulldogs went 4-0 in conference play. (photos by Mike Russo)

A New Tradition

For the second consecutive year, the Truman women's soccer team found itself short of a playoff berth.

With a final record of 12-3-5, the Bulldogs were in contention of postseason play after shutting out the No. 3 ranked St. Joseph's College 2-0 during the regular season. Truman handed St. Joe its only loss of the season, but even the success of the tough schedule did not convince the NCAA Division II voters to rank the Bulldogs in the top two of the national polls. The team ranked 20th in the final polls.

"We set our goals high because we knew that we were still good enough to play at the same level as the nationally ranked teams, and we did," junior forward Jill Benson said. "We tried to obtain them for ourselves instead of adding the extra pressure of knowing that we were helping to build a solid reputation for women's soccer here."

After 13 years of Truman soccer, the women only boasted a winning record during five seasons, includ-

ing a 9-7-2 record from 1994 and a 12-4-1 from the 1995 season, both under Head Coach Mike Cannon.

Throughout the last four years the offense of senior forward Trishia Harting, played a part in the steady improvement of the team. In the 1996 season, Harting scored 16 goals, which tied the school record for most single-season goals, and she had 12 assists, which set the school record for most single season assists. She also set the school record for most points in a single season with 44.

Harting ended her career as the career leader for assists with 29, and was second all-time in career points with 103. After four years with the Bulldogs, Harting scored a total of 37 goals, making her third on the all-time list for goals.

The defense of sophomore goalkeeper Jenny Miller also contributed to the winning record for the third consecutive season. Miller recorded 11 shutouts in the 1996 season, which broke her own record

of nine she set as a freshman in 1995. In only her second year with the Bulldogs, she was on top of the all-time career shutouts with 20.

Miller started in all 20 games of the season, and Cannon substituted her only once. Sophomore Kjrsten Abel replaced Miller during the second half of the 10-0 blowout against Missouri Valley College on Sept. 25.

The home game against Missouri Valley allowed nine different Bulldogs to score as they played in front of 150 fans. Two of the goals were from junior Kim Mannion.

"Some of our games had good turnouts by the students and that was good to see, but there were also times when hardly anyone showed up," Benson said. "Other schools are starting to see us as a tough team and the team to beat. I hope the students here start to see that we are a team to watch, and then hopefully, they will come to watch us represent their school."

by Tracie Hitz

Creating Their Own Image

Women's soccer is first class. We portray an image of hard work. Our hard work led to a team ranking in the top 20, the best Bulldogs have ever done.

--Coach Mike Cannon



Junior forward Jill Benson attempts to slip the ball past a Lady Knights player in the game against Bellarmine. Benson scored the winning goal in the game. Ending the season with five goals and 13 assists, Benson started every game. (photo by Josh Adams)



Senior defender Chris Zitko beats a Bellarmine defender in a race for the ball. The win against Bellarmine ended a 0-1-2 drought and started Truman on a four-game winning streak. The Bulldogs finished the season with a 12-3-5 record. (photo by Josh Adams)



Junior forward Carie Toczykowski advances the ball into the attack zone. Toczykowski scored 12 goals and assisted on five others. Senior Trishia Harting led the team with 16 goals and 12 assists. (photo by Aaron Manfull)

Freshman forward Sarah Waters, junior forward Jill Benson, and senior forward Trishia Harting joyously celebrate following a Bulldog goal during the game against Park College. The team celebrated as they tied their third best goal output of the season. The Bulldogs fell just shy of making the playoffs. (photo by Aaron Manfull)



1996 Women's Soccer Scoreboard

Park College	T	4-4	SIUE	L	2-4
Quincy University	W	3-0	Missouri-St. Louis	L	0-1
St. Joseph	W	2-0	Lewis	W	2-0
Lynn University	L	0-4	Wisconsin-Parkside	W	2-0
Barry University	T	1-1	CMSU	W	1-0
Rockhurst College	T	2-2	Lindenwood	W	4-0
Bellarmine College	W	5-0	Missouri-Rolla	T	1-1
Missouri Valley	W	10-0	Drury College	W	2-0
St. Cloud State	W	3-0	University of Denver	W	1-0
Northeastern	W	4-1	Northern Colorado	T	2-2

Soccer

Cross Country

1996 Cross Country Scoreboard

Men

Southern Indiana	2nd(4)
Jayhawk Invitational	6th(10)
Nebraska Invitational	3rd(20)
Quincy	1st(2)
Notre Dame Invitational	10th(17)
Jim Drews Invitational	7th(18)
MIAA Conf. Champs	2nd(8)
Great Lakes Regional	2nd(21)
NCAA Div. II Champs	11th(17)

Women

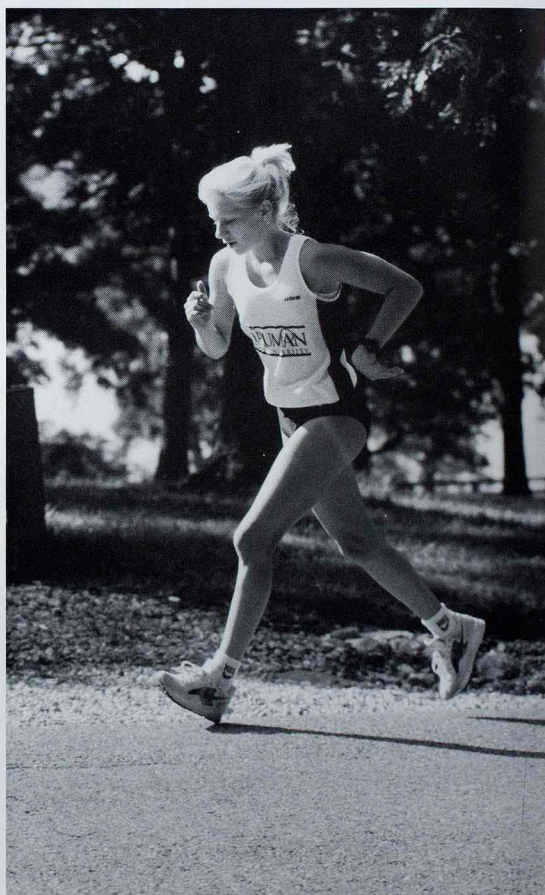
Western Ill. Open	0-3(dual)
Bradley Invitational	no score
Southern Stampede	6th(8)
Miner Invitational	2nd(7)
CMSU Invitational	7th(8)
MIAA Conf. Champ.	6th(9)
Great Lakes Regional	14th(20)

**number of teams competing is listed in parantheses*



Nearing the finish, senior Craig Maxwell, junior Scott Poston and junior Christian Blackburn run the last stretch together. Despite a season full of injuries, the men's cross country team remained competitive. They placed 11th at the Division II National Meet, with three runners receiving All-American honors.

Senior Gina Giesler climbs a hill in the final stretch of the Purple and White Alumni Meet on Aug. 31. After a successful season, the women's team placed sixth at the conference meet. Senior Jennifer Lehmann led the team throughout the season and earned All-Conference honors. (photos submitted)



Leading the Way

After two competitive seasons, the men's and women's cross country teams agreed a bright future was in the forecast.

The men's team qualified to compete at the NCAA Division II National Meet for the third year in a row, despite injuries to some of its top runners. The men placed second at both the conference and regional meets.

"We have ranked pretty low at regionals in the past," junior Christian Blackburn said. "We ended up placing high, an ego-booster before nationals."

At the Division II National Meet, Blackburn, one of the Bulldogs' top runners, was injured and was not able to compete. The team was still able to make their mark. They placed 11th nationally with three runners achieving All-American honors by placing in the top 40. Seniors Jeremy Struttman, Craig Maxwell, and Jeff Obert finished 25th, 34th and 36th, respectively.

"We may have not done as well

as we have in the past, but we did make it back to Nationals," Struttman said.

Struttman said the team had a promising future.

"The team is losing four guys, but the younger guys will take over," he said. "We have some really good freshman coming back, and there are also some good recruits that will be running here next year."

The women's team also had a successful season. Many team members earned individual honors throughout the season.

At the Miner Invitational at Rolla, the team placed second. Other notable finishes included a 6th place finish at the Southern Stampede at Missouri Southern State College, and a seventh place finish at the Central Missouri State Invitational meet.

The conference meet at Truman was highlight for many.

"Conference was the best meet for me personally as well as for

most of the team," junior Angela Rupp said. "It was great that it was in Kirksville. We had a lot of support."

The women finished 6th overall. Two runners who excelled this season were senior Jennifer Lehmann, who placed 7th, and sophomore Angela Meyer who placed 17th. Lehmann earned All-Conference honors for her finish.

Lehmann ran for her last season. As a team leader, she hoped she had set an example for the team.

"I have learned that working hard at each practice makes a difference," Lehmann said. "I set a goal to place in the top 10 at the conference meet in Kirksville, I worked at it, and I was able to accomplish that goal."

In reflection of her accomplishment, Lehmann echoed Struttman's hopes for the future.

"I hope that the younger runners noticed that and follow the example," she said.

by Cliff Frasher

Creating Their - Own Image

"We just wanted to compete as hard as we could and have a successful season. I think we achieved that. We weren't really striving for an image; we just wanted to do the best we could."

-Men's Coach
Ed Schneider



Men's Cross Country Team

Row One: Jeff Obert, Jeremy Struttman, Scott Poston. Row Two: Craig Maxwell, Christian Blackburn, Mike Hronick, Mark Miller



Women's Cross Country Team

Row One: Lyndsay Wheeler, Julie Olson, Gina Giesler, Angela Rupp, Angela Meyer. Row Two: Kelly Burnes, Annah Terry, Beth Sabin, Liz Hopkins, Jennifer Lehmann

Spirited Identity

They called it a four-peat.

The women's swim team won the Mideast Classic Championships for the fourth consecutive year.

Going into the meet, the team and Head Coach Seth Huston thought the competition would be tough. After all, Eastern Illinois had beaten the Bulldogs at an invitational in January.

Sophomore and All-American Honorable Mention Sarah Dunn said the team was unsure of its ability to win the championships as easily as it had the past three years.

"We thought it would be a challenge, but it turned out to be pretty easy," Dunn said.

Junior co-captain Carolyn Hepburn said the win helped establish the team as a powerhouse in the conference.

Even after winning the championship for the fourth year in a row, the team still respected its opponents.

"I don't think we can ever come in and say we're going to win Champs," sophomore Emily Jentes said. "Each year, we solidify ourselves as a major contender."

To remain a solid contender, the team had to recruit a strong group of freshmen. Fourteen of the 24 swimmers were freshmen. Since they were a majority of the team, it was necessary for them to become accustomed to the rigors of college swimming.

"The freshmen became an important part of the team," Hepburn said. "They brought a new spirit to the team and were really motivated."

The new team members also helped to make the team more competitive.

"The freshmen have a lot of talent, so physically, they were a positive force, and mentally, as well, they came in with a positive attitude," Jentes said. "I think the freshmen really completed the team and the spirit of the team."

Not only did the freshmen help the team's motivation, but a new training schedule also seemed to help team morale.

The team trained in three-week cycles. The first week was hard training, the second week was medium intensity and the third week was fairly easy.

"I liked it more than last year because it was nice to have a break every once in a while," Dunn said. "It was good for morale, too, because we weren't constantly training hard."

Jentes agreed.

"It made the season more manageable and a lot more fun," she said.

Hepburn said the team needed the recovery time, especially before the team left to train in Florida over the winter break.

The strong freshman class and the new training schedule helped the team remain the Mideast Classic Champions.

by Liz Lach

Creating Their—Own Image

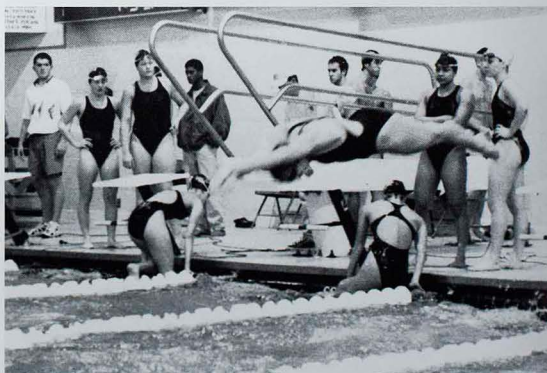
This year our team image was very hard-working and confident. We were very team-oriented and had a lot of goals. We worked really hard to achieve these goals, and it paid off.

--Freshman Jen Malone



Women's Swim Team

Row One: Katie Weyforth, Kristen Riordan, Lori Shryock, Jen Malone, Sonya Burgers, Christy Cook, Angie Ridnour. Row Two: Nicole Winters, Sarah McClintock, Jill Myers, Amanda Lybarger, Brittany Mikesic, Erica Sparks, Sasha Trendley, Valerie Fowler, Beth Rogers. Row Three: Assistant Coach Chad Wolbers, Beth Lojewski, Sara Myer, Melissa Pierce, Carolyn Hepburn, Sarah Dunn, Jennine Adamek, Emily Jentes, Head Coach Seth Huston.



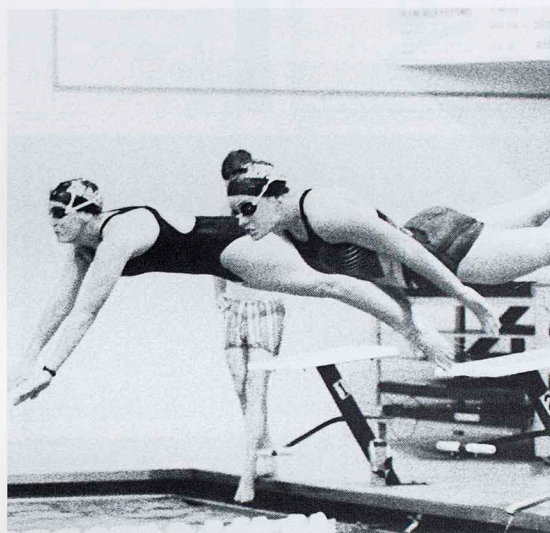
A Bulldog swimmer dives into the pool for her leg of a relay. The Truman team wrapped up a good season by winning the Mideast Classic Championships for the fourth consecutive year. Fourteen of the 24 swimmers were freshman.

(photo by Josh Adams)



Members of the women's swim team wait at the side of the pool before a meet. The Truman women trained in three-week cycles. The team trained in Florida over the winter break. (photo by Josh Adams)

Sophomore Emily Jentes and freshman Sasha Trendley take off from their starting blocks. Three members of the women's team competed at the NCAA Division II Swimming Championships. The team placed 16th in the four-day competition. (photo submitted)



1996-97 Swimming Scoreboard

University of Northern Iowa	3rd (5)
University of Missouri-Columbia	L 51-154
Washington University	W 144-52
University of South Dakota	W 141-64
University of South Dakota	W 70-25
Gustavus Adolphus	W 81-30
University of Western Illinois	L 45-77
Bulldog Invitational	1st (6)
University of Northern Colorado	2nd (3)
Drury College	L 88-173
Mideast Classic Championships	1st (6)
NCAA Division II Championships	16th

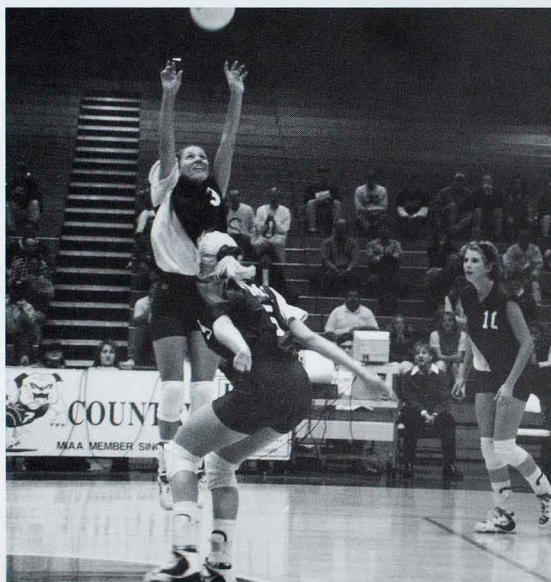
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Swimming

Volleyball

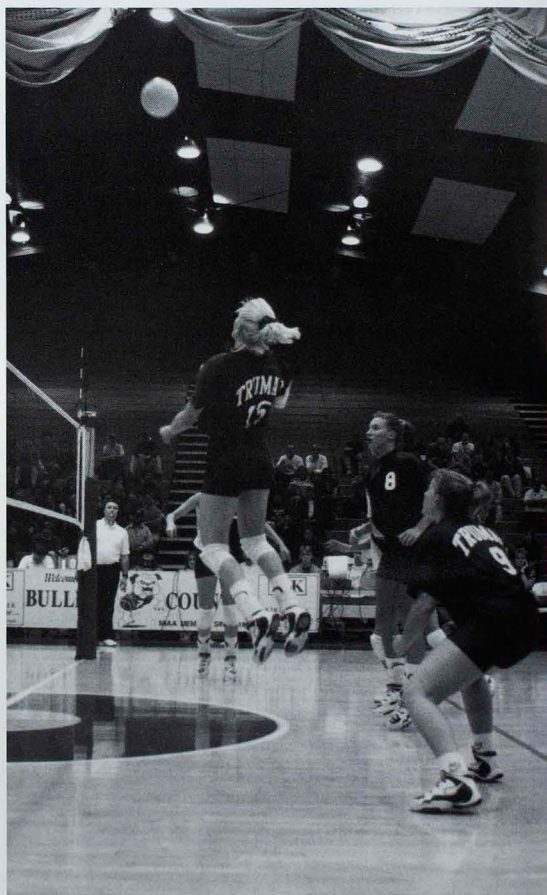
1996 Volleyball Scoreboard

Peru State	W 3-2	Mo. Southern	W 3-0	Tampa	L 0-3
Wayne State	W 3-2	Pittsburg State	W 3-0	Fla. Southern	W 3-2
S. Dakota	W 3-0	Washburn	W 3-1	Barry	L 0-3
Neb.-Omaha	L 0-3	CMSU	L 1-3	NWMSU	W 3-1
Columbia	L 0-3	Mo. Western	L 2-3	Pittsburg State	W 3-0
N. Alabama	L 1-3	Southern Ark.	W 3-0	Mo. Southern	W 3-2
Fort Hays State	W 3-1	Lyon College	W 3-0	Washburn	W 3-2
SIUE	W 3-2	Angelo State	W 3-0	CMSU	L 0-3
Cameron	W 3-2	Henderson	W 3-1	Edinboro	L 0-3
Quincy	W 3-0	Quincy	W 3-0	Texas Woman's	L 2-3
W. Texas A&M	L 2-3	Emporia State	W 3-2	Mo. Western	W 3-2
Grand Canyon	L 1-3	SW Baptist	W 3-0	Emporia State	W 3-0
Henderson St.	L 0-3	UMSL	L 1-3	SW Baptist	W 3-0
NWMSU	W 3-2				



Senior setter Kirsten Bernthal sets the ball for junior middle hitter Jennifer Sigman. Bernthal had 1,662 assists for the season, breaking her own single season record of 1,568. The assists gave her 6,077 in her career, placing her first all-time among Truman players, more than double the second all-time assist leader.

Junior middle hitter, Jennifer Sigman leaps up for a kill, while sophomore outside hitter Jamie Shea and freshman setter Jennifer Lindsey watch the play. Sigman, one of only three juniors on the team, led the Bulldogs in kills with 669 and attempts with 1,771. Shea had 274 kills in 936 attempts and led the team in serving aces with 57.



Strong Tradition

The Truman volleyball team was many things: disciplined, respected, hardworking.

In the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association conference, Truman was known for its strong tradition. The Bulldogs were the team many schools hoped to beat, but few were ever able to rise to the occasion.

Rivals were intimidated at the thought of competing in the best of five matches against them. In the twenty games that Truman played to five matches, the team came out on top 18 times. This winning ability came from the team's strong endurance and stamina.

"Over the summer we ran and maxed out on weights to increase our power," said junior middle hitter Gretchen Bouton. "We would practice twice a day in the pre-season to assure that we were in shape so that we could go all out for five matches."

This stamina led to one of the most exciting games of the season

for the Bulldogs. In the Oct. 12 game against Emporia State University, the two teams were tied 2-2 after four matches. In the last match, the Bulldogs came from behind to win 15-12. This game was instrumental in assuring the team a high rank in the conference.

One player who was instrumental in the team's success was senior setter Kirsten Bernthal. At the end of her fourth year as a starter, she was ranked third in career assists among Division II players.

Bernthal's other accomplishments included being first team All-South Central Region, MIAA Conference MVP, No. 1 for career assists at Truman, Academic All-American and Academic All-Conference. As the only senior on the team, Bernthal hoped she left a positive impression for the future players.

"I hope that I left a strong work ethic, and that I led the team by showing," Bernthal said. "I hope that I was a positive role model for

my teammates and that they continue to work hard, even in the off season."

The Bulldogs ended their season ranking high with an overall record of 26-14. They were second in the MIAA conference with a record of 13-3, second only to Central Missouri State University. The Bulldogs were only one position away from being invited to the national tournament for post-season play.

"Our success was the result of a combination of team spirit and hardwork," said junior middle hitter Jennifer Sigman. "We had a lot of talented freshmen and upperclassmen that bonded and played well together."

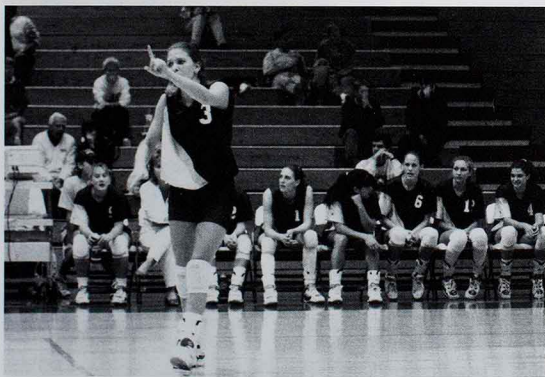
The women's biggest hope for the future was to add to their winning tradition by qualifying for the national tournament and beating their biggest rival, CMSU. This would place the Bulldogs at the top of the MIAA conference.

by Cliff Frasher

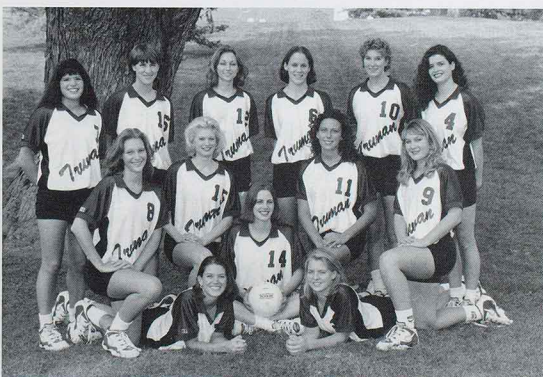
Creating Their— Own Image

"The women's volleyball team has an image of being hard workers that are disciplined and respected. We want to be taken seriously as female athletes."

--junior Gretchen Bouton



Senior setter Kirsten Bernthal reminds her teammates the Truman Bulldogs are No. 1 while her teammates watch the match. Bernthal was the only senior on the '96 team. She took a leadership role by leading the team in assists, assist average, digs and dig average. She tied for second in attack percentage and played in all 154 games. (photos submitted)



Volleyball Team

Row One: Kirsten Bernthal, Laura VanByssum, Becky Tillman. Row Two: Jamie Shea, Jennifer Sigman, Gretchen Bouton, Jennifer Lindsey. Row Three: Christine Clemens, Lynn Evenhouse, Mary Johannessen, Carrie Reynolds, Kelly Mangels, Jamie Moenster.

Success Formula

A lot of hard work and a little play was the formula for success for the men's swim team.

"Swimmers don't play until everything is said and done," freshman Kevin Punswick said. "The day you slack off is the day your season ends."

During the season, the men practiced on Saturday mornings and every afternoon Monday through Friday. Three days a week they also had early morning practices and weight lifting sessions.

"If you are a strong swimmer and a team player, the hard work comes easy," Punswick said.

The hard work did not stop when practice ended. Like most Bulldogs, swimmers had rigorous class schedules to juggle as well.

"Most swimmers are used to hard work because they swam in high school, but college is different," freshman Mike Hoskovec said. "You have to cut down on late nights and make time to study."

Swimming was unlike other

sports because the men and women practiced together and competed at the same meets. This provided a strong support group and helped the two teams maintain a positive attitude throughout the season.

"I swim because of the friendships," senior Greg Kristoff said. "It's like a huge extended family."

Another uniqueness of the team was the fact they were not considered a conference sport because few surrounding schools had swim teams. For this reason, the Mideast Classic was their equivalent of a conference championship.

The team placed second in the Mideast Classic, just short of their goal to dominate the meet.

"A couple guys got Mono, and our relay teams were really affected," Head Coach Seth Huston said.

Team members that made qualifying times at meets traveled to Texas to compete in the Division II NCAA Nationals. The Truman team finished 11th in the country,

and four members of the team placed within the top 16.

"It's easy to be intimidated by the competition, but you're both there for the same reason and went through the same things to get there," Hoskovec said.

Hoskovec and Kristoff received All-American honors. In addition, Hoskovec, Kristoff, junior Bill Mataya and freshman Steve De La Piedra received honorable mentions in their individual events.

"It was a good experience," De La Piedra said. "You compete one on one, but you do it for the team."

The high quality talent of the incoming freshman was a big factor in the team's success.

"The freshman added depth and helped us move up in the standings," Huston said.

The freshman also gave the team a promising future.

"I wish I still had eligibility left," Kristoff said. "This team is going to keep improving."

by Stephanie Brenneke

Creating Their— Own Image

"We were more of a team than last year. We tended to try to win as a team instead of as individuals. It made everybody want to do well for the whole team, not just for themselves.

--Junior Bill Mataya



Men's Swim Team

Row One: Erik Rogers, Mike Hoskovec, Kevin Punswick, Dan Schoedel, Alex Szeto, Dan Cadoff, Jonathan Kretz. Row Two: Dan Otahal, Tyler Mork, Tim Sandfort, Patrick Hill, Greg Kristoff, Jeff Schuetz, Jason Greenfield, Peter Koenig. Row Three: Assistant Coach Chad Wolbers, Josh Scott, Steve De La Piedra, Kevin Wysocki, Jared Kuntz, Matt Gervase, Joel Vece, Bill Mataya, Head Coach Seth Huston.

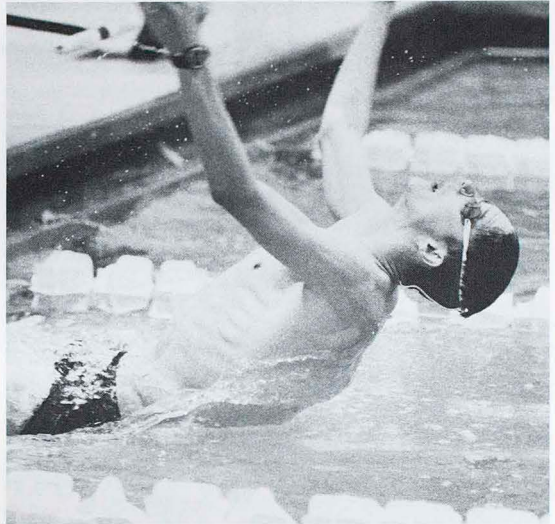


Senior Greg Kristoff swims the last length of the butterfly in the 200 IM. Kristoff was an All-American and a team captain. He helped lead the team to a successful season and second place in the Mideast Classic Championships. (photo by Josh Adams)



Swimmers take their mark and get set to take off in the backstroke. The men's and women's teams practiced and traveled together to meets. This caused them to become close and created a support team for one another. (photo by Josh Adams)

Junior Josh Scott begins his event with a burst of energy. Four members of the men's team competed in the NCAA Division II Swimming Championships. The team finished 11th overall in the meet. (photo submitted)



1996-97 *Swimming* Scoreboard

SWMSU	L	136-66
University of Northern Iowa		3rd(5)
University of Missouri-Columbia	L	68-137
Washington University	W	132-73
University of Missouri-Rolla	L	76-110
University of South Dakota	L	88-139
University of South Dakota	L	46-65
Gustavus Adolphus	W	77-18
University of Western Illinois	L	59-63
Bulldog Invitational		1st (4)
University of Missouri-Rolla	L	80-124
Drury College	L	101-160
Midwest Classic Championships		2nd(6)
NCAA Division II Championships		11th

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Swimming

Wrestling

1996-97 Wrestling Scoreboard

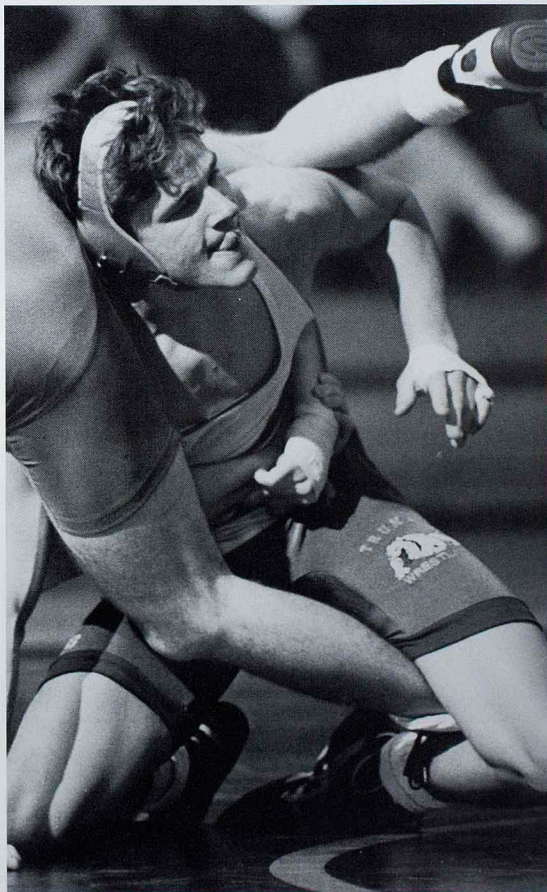
Karega Scott (118)	17-6	Matt Markham (158)	15-18
Brad Kieffer (126)	25-10	Scott Buckallew (158)	10-10
Chris Brown(126)	20-15	Taylor Cunningham (167)	9-22
Calvin Buhler (134)	34-6	Ross Merritt (167)	1-3
Scott Wence (142)	18-20	Chris Benner (177)	20-13
Andy Dykens (142)	0-2	Mike Erz (190)	1-12
Andy Rouse (150)	20-17	Ryan Fish (HWT)	14-25

**number in parentheses indicates weight class*



Junior Karega Scott puts his rival in a hold move. Scott was a strong competitor for the Bulldogs at 118 pounds. He went to the national championship meet for the third consecutive year and was ranked No. 4 in the tournament.

Senior Andy Rouse struggles to throw his opponent over his back. Rouse competed at the NCAA Division II National Championships for the second season at 150 pounds. He led the team as a co-captain.



Excelling Beyond

The third time was almost a charm.

Junior Karega Scott, who wrestled in the 118-pound class, competed in his third consecutive NCAA Division II National Championships and went 1-2 in the meet.

Scott won his first match against Naret Viravong of Carson Newman College 10-7. Then Damon Broadbent of San Francisco State and Ralph Dasti of Chadron State College defeated him.

Sophomore Brad Kieffer said he believed Scott could have gone all the way at the tournament.

"He's an excellent wrestler," Kieffer said. "He lost a couple of matches right at the end, but he definitely had a chance."

For Scott, part of the excitement of the season was just going to the tournament.

"It feels great to go," Scott said. "Only an elite group go to nationals, and I've been a part of that group three years in a row."

Kieffer also went to the national

tournament in the 126-pound class, as did senior Andy Rouse at 150-pounds. Kieffer went 0-2 in his two matches, but he still enjoyed the experience.

"It felt good," Kieffer said. "Making the national tournament was one of my main goals for the season. I was very proud of myself."

Kieffer proved to excel as a student as well as a wrestler. In addition to his 25-10 record, he had a high grade point average and was named to the NCAA Division II All-Academic First Team.

"I knew I was going to make that before the season ended," Kieffer said. "It was really just a bonus for the season."

Junior Scott Wence was an honorable mention pick on the academic list.

The entire Truman team proved they were dedicated students as well as athletes. The Bulldogs had the best academic record in NCAA Division II wrestling with a 3.228 GPA.

GPA did not matter at the dual meet against Central Missouri State University, which provided a highlight for the season. Two forfeits and three wins by Bulldog wrestlers helped lead Truman to a 21-20 victory.

Strong efforts like the CMSU meet helped define the season as a success.

"As a team, we were very successful," Scott said. "We only had three go to nationals, but we wrestled phenomenally."

Although the team ended the season with a 3-5 record, they were not discouraged.

Scott saw a bright future for the Bulldog wrestlers.

Freshmen Chris Brown and Chris Benner joined a list of 30 past Bulldogs in having 20 or more wins in a season.

"We just lack experience and the mental factor," Scott said. "I could see our whole team going to nationals."

by Eric Granger

Creating Their Own Image

"It's hard to say about image. Everytime you walk out there you present a different image. We had an in-your-face style of wrestling. Most of the time we protected that image pretty well."
--Coach David Schutter



Sophomore Scott Wence works to pin his opponent. Wence had a successful season on and off the mats. He was an honorable mention pick on the list of individual academic All-Americans. The Bulldog team was named first academically in NCAA Division II wrestling. (photos submitted)



Wrestling Team

Row One: Karega Scott, Brad Kieffer, Chris Brown, Calvin Buhler, Scott Wence, Andy Rouse, Scott Buckallew. Row Two: Head Coach David Schutter, Ross Merritt, Matt Markham, Taylor Cunningham, Ryan Fish, Chris Benner, Mike Erz, trainer Jody Sellers, student assistant Katherine Heyer.

Indoor Edition

Fewer hurdles and a different size shot put were just two of the factors that made the indoor track season different from the outdoor season.

"We did most of the same events as in the outdoor season, but some of them were just a little different," Coach John Cochrane said.

The indoor track season served as a preparation period for the outdoor season. All of the athletes who participated in the outdoor season generally competed indoors also.

"It took most people at least nine months to reach their peak performance, and we aimed for that peak to come in April or May during the outdoor season," Cochrane said.

The athletes felt the same way about the indoor season.

"The indoor meets mattered, but outdoor season was what it was all about," senior Erin Burns said. "All track people had outdoor season as their main focus."

Indoor track differed from out-

door track in a few key ways. The shot put had a different size and shape and there was no hammer throw in indoor track.

In hurdle races, five hurdles were used instead of the outdoor season's usual 10. This was because not many schools had a track long enough to use 10 hurdles in a race.

In the running events, indoor track used slightly different lengths of races to help prepare for the outdoor season. Also, no sprint relays were run.

The times of the runners in the indoor season were usually a little slower than those of the outdoor season.

"Indoor times were slower because of having to turn tight corners on the shorter indoor tracks," Coach Ed Schneider said.

Both the men's and women's teams had successful seasons due to strong leadership and the emergence of freshman talent.

"Overall, the team worked out well, and we progressed faster than

the year before," Schneider said.

The men's team was led by junior Jon Coyle and senior Shawn Weber. Weber held the school record for longest indoor triple jump.

The women's team got a surprise from freshman Natasha Carter. Carter provisionally qualified for the Division II National Championships in the shot-put and the weight throw, an event she had never participated in until the 1996-97 season.

"Our team was very young and didn't have a lot of experience, but the freshmen were all hard working and dedicated," Burns said.

During the season, many of the athletes practiced outside to prepare for meets because the University didn't have the necessary facilities to practice indoors.

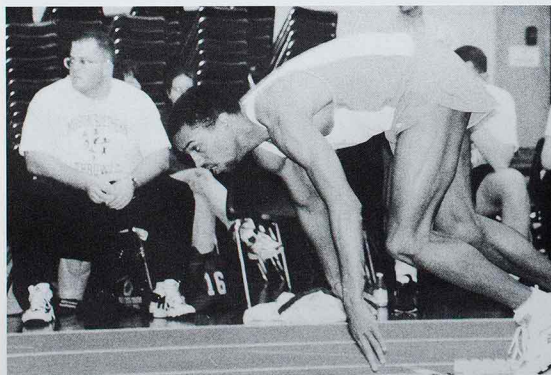
"As long as it was not bitterly cold and there wasn't ice or snow on the track, the runners were usually outside," Schneider said.

by Dave Kuschel

Creating Their—Own Image

Conference is the biggest thing for us. We wanted to make the impression conference-wise that we can compete. We did show them we are a team that can compete, so we achieved our image.

—Senior Shawn Weber



Junior Matt Antognoli takes off from his starting block in an indoor sprint. He was a strong force for the team and earned All-MIAA honors. Antognoli also provided the highlight of the conference meet by winning the 400-meter dash and placing second in the 200-meter dash.



Senior Shawn Weber soars over the high jump with near-perfect form. Weber received All-MIAA honors for the indoor season. He was also named an All-American for the third year for his sixth place finish in the triple jump at the NCAA Division II National Indoor Track Championships.



Sophomore Sarah McLean releases the shot put. The women's team had a strong season, finishing fourth at the MIAA conference championships. The team also captured seven first-place individual finishes at the championship.

Sophomore Ryan McWilliams takes a running leap into the long jump pit. The men's team finished fourth at the MIAA conference meet. Most of the indoor athletes competed in the outdoor season as well. (photos submitted)



1996-97 Indoor Track Scoreboard

<u>Meet</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>
Cyclone Holiday Classic	no team scores	
Iowa State Open	no team scores	
South Dakota Invitational	no score	
Eastern Ill. University		no score
Jayhawk Invitational	no team scores	
Nike Classic	no team scores	
Augustana Invitational	1st (10)	2nd (10)
MIAA Indoor Championships	4th (9)	4th (9)
Cyclone National Qualifier	no team scores	
NCAA Division II		
Indoor Championships	21st (30)	no score

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Indoor Track

Basketball

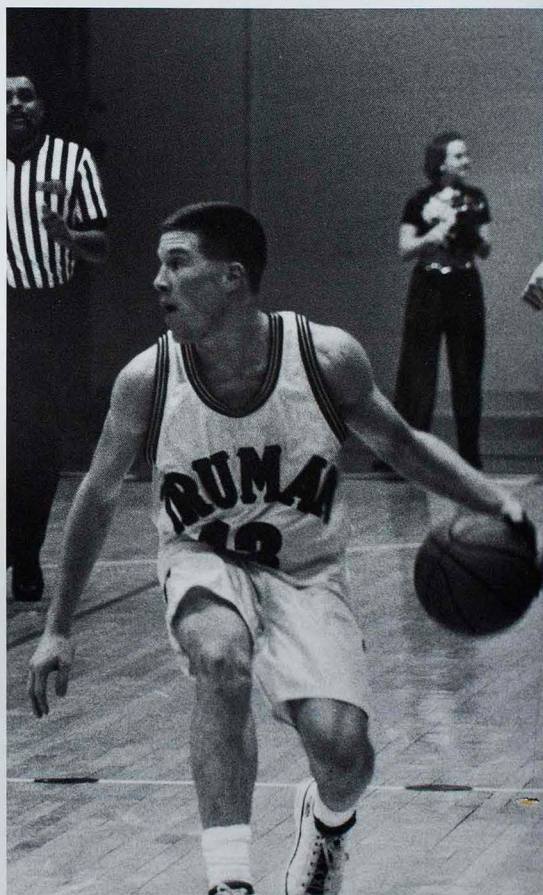
1996-97 Men's Basketball Scoreboard

Quincy University	W	77-64	Southwest Baptist	W	63-61
SIU-Edwardsville	W	80-68	CMSU	L	68-72
Missouri Baptist	W	86-69	Emporia State	L	57-78
Hannibal-LaGrange	W	72-66	Lincoln	W	72-58
Monmouth	L	79-80	Missouri Western	L	65-79
Quincy University	L	59-81	Washburn	L	52-93
Arkansas-Little Rock	L	61-85	Missouri-Rolla	L	45-69
Drury College	L	65-71	Emporia State	L	57-78
Missouri-Rolla	W	76-73	Southwest Baptist	W	57-55
Pittsburg State	L	50-68	Missouri Southern	W	85-73
Missouri Western	L	68-78	Central Missouri	L	82-85
Washburn	W	77-76	Lincoln	W	93-79
Missouri Southern	L	69-88	Pittsburg State	L	79-91
NWMSU	L	76-86			



Escaping the tight defense, freshman Jason Ranthum takes a shot against his opponents. Although the team finished with an 11-16 record, they considered it a successful season. The young team looked forward to the future and moving up in the conference.

Senior Jim O'Donnell dribbles down the court during a home game. Head Coach Jack Schrader credited the student body with being supportive of the team. The Truman fans made the games more fun with free throw competitions at half-time and student appreciation awards.



Reaching Beyond

After the men's basketball team started their season off with an unexpected win, it was one surprise after another.

The Bulldogs were a young team rebuilding after losing many of their top scorers from the previous year.

Even after defeating the Dreambuilders the first game of the season, not many were predicting a strong Truman team. The Dreambuilders were former NCAA Division I players who got together to play exhibition games.

Head Coach Jack Schrader said the victory gave the young team a confidence boost for the start of the season and helped jump start them for the rest of the year.

Since the Bulldogs were such a young team, many in the conference did not expect much of them. The conference coaches were almost unanimous in their prediction the Truman squad would finish last.

"It's our expectations that count, not what anyone on the outside

thinks," Shrader said. The low conference ranking didn't give the team any added motivation, either. Shrader said there was more motivation just to make the playoffs than to prove anyone wrong.

The coach said the team was more concerned with the way they did things than with what anyone thought about their chances.

Senior Tim Reuschel said if anything, the low outside expectations helped take pressure off the younger players.

Senior Cory Parker said the team thought they were competitive with other teams, despite anticipation of a poor season by conference opponents.

In other seasons, an 11-16 record may not be considered successful. To the team, it was still an accomplishment.

"We did better than anyone thought we'd do," Parker said. "Still, we wanted to do better."

Schrader said he saw the year as a success in three ways.

"One—we did a lot better than last year, two—we did a lot better than we were picked to do, three—we worked hard and played unselfishly," he said.

Both Schrader and Parker thought the highlight of the season was defeating Washburn University for the Truman crowd. At the time, Washburn was the top-ranked team in the conference. He also said the year was a lot of work culminating in a goal everyone wanted to achieve.

Reuschel had the most fun winning three of the last four games to make the playoffs and earn seventh in the conference.

Schrader also gave credit to the "sixth man" on the court—the home crowd. He said he appreciated the student support that made the season more fun.

Schrader said the year was a stepping stone to becoming a force in the conference, and the team still had quite a way to go.

by Dave Gragg

Creating Their Own Image

"We were a really hard-working team that did a lot better job than people thought we would. We had a respectable season that gave us something to build on for next year."

--Senior Jimmy O'Donnell



A basketball player tries to find an open teammate as his opponent guards him closely. The team began the season with an unexpected win against the Dreambuilders, a team of former NCAA Division I players. The Bulldogs surpassed the low expectations of the other coaches in the conference. (photos by Josh Adams)



Men's Basketball Team

Row One: Mike Fuller, Jason Ramthun, Jimmy O'Donnell, Kevin Eulinger, Andy Guethle, Chris Foulk, Marc Breckenridge. Row Two: Jason Reinberg, Cory Parker, Jason Ward, Tim Reuschel, Spencer Douglas, Joseph Kalimba, David DeGreef, Dan Mosley.

Staying Focused

The women's basketball team understood what perseverance was about.

The commitment of the team was evident from the beginning.

"The first three weeks of practice were really hard," freshman Megan Kahn said. "We were practicing 20 hours a week, and it's hard to see what you're working for at first."

With the games seeming so far away, the team kept their eyes on their goals.

"We wanted to have a winning season and make it to the playoffs," freshman Jennifer Happel said.

The Bulldogs did not accomplish that goal, but not because of a lack of effort.

The team suffered some disappointments throughout the season, but their commitment did not falter. At these times the importance of teamwork became evident.

"Right after Christmas we lost seven games in a row," Kahn said. "Coach instilled in us a desire to

stay together because that's the only way we were going to get through it."

When doing their best did not seem to be paying off, expectations and goals seemed out of reach.

"We were working so hard in practice and in games, but we were stuck in a game slump," Happel said.

When the disappointment was overwhelming, the players would start to doubt themselves.

"It's a heartbreak—you try so hard, and everyone feels guilty," sophomore Meghan Fluharty said. "When you lose by just a few points, you always say 'what if?' But if you did your best, that's all you can ask."

Although discouraged, the Bulldogs stayed focused.

"We were all kind of expecting to do more," Fluharty said. "But we still would always come off the bench and do our best to win."

All of that hard work eventually paid off. The season did have its

highlights, which made it all seem worth the effort.

Kahn said one of the most memorable games of the season was when the Bulldogs beat Missouri Western in an away game. The team was ranked No. 1 at the time, and the Bulldogs won with a last-minute buzzer shot. She said the team pulled together for the victory.

"For the first time, our team really clicked on all cylinders," Kahn said. "You could see the fear in their eyes and the intensity in our eyes."

Happel also saw the game as a turning point for the team.

"That brought our confidence up," Happel said.

This feeling of confidence carried through, and the team came away from the season with a positive attitude.

"Even though our record wasn't very reflective, we were always pushing each other," Happel said. "I think that will carry over into next year."

by Catherine Pezold

Creating Their— Own Image

We've been through some hard times, but it always pulled us closer together. Only two of us had ever played together before, and this season, we learned to play as a team.

--freshman Megan Watson

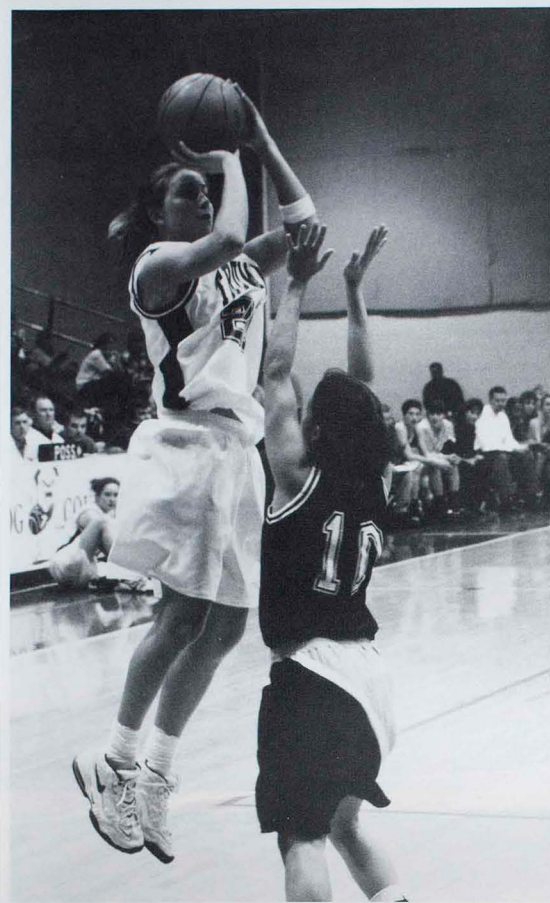


Women's Basketball Team

Row One: Mollie Kahn, Amy Eagan, Megan Watson, Nicci Hays, Anne Volkmann, Cathie Pence, Megan Kahn, Marne Fauser. Row Two: Carrie McClallen, Jennifer Happel, Student Assistant Andrea Hambach, Head Coach Karin Nicholls, Assistant Coach Carol Russell, Meghan Fluharty, Amy Pillard and Jenifer Highstreet.



Members of the women's basketball team help the crowd cheer on the team out on the court. Truman women brought an average of more than 400 people with them to every game as a strong cheering force. The team finished with a record of 10-16 overall and a conference record of 6-12.



Junior Meghan Fluharty soars above her opponent in an attempt to hit a jump shot. Fluharty made her mark on the team with a career average of 5.2 points per game. Fluharty, along with the rest of the team, made a mark off the court, as well. As a team, they volunteered for the Special Olympics and held a youth summer camp.

Freshman Mollie Kahn attempts a jump shot against her opponent. Kahn, along with her identical twin sister Megan, was a major force for the women's basketball team. Kahn came into the season averaging 10.3 points per game, while pulling down 4.4 rebounds. (photos by Lauren Medley)



1996-97 Women's Basketball Scoreboard

Quincy University	L	67-72	Southwest Baptist	L	67-78
Rockhurst College	W	75-65	CMSU	L	63-77
Northern State	L	53-68	Emporia State	L	69-87
Texas A&M	W	72-64	Lincoln University	W	70-50
St. Ambrose	L	72-88	Missouri Western	W	68-66
Eckerd College	L	52-61	Washburn	L	56-82
Tampa	W	72-68	Missouri-Rolla	W	93-73
Marycrest Intl.	W	79-35	Emporia State	L	77-91
Pittsburg State	W	74-72	Southwest Baptist	L	66-83
Missouri Western	L	53-77	Missouri Southern	L	55-66
Washburn	L	61-63	Missouri-Rolla	W	63-51
Missouri Southern	L	67-80	CMSU	L	48-57
NWMSU	L	61-65	Lincoln University	W	58-57

Basketball

Unified in Name

The Lady Bulldogs were no more.

After being unofficially changed by some women's teams in recent years, the name Lady Bulldogs was officially replaced by just Bulldogs in January.

"Some of the women's teams were heading in the direction of just using Bulldogs instead of Lady Bulldogs," Athletic Director Walter Ryle said. "The coaches and players were behind it, so we changed the name."

Members of the Athletic Department's administration, including Ryle, Assistant Athletic Director Kathy Turpin and Sports Information Director Melissa Ware decided to make the change official.

"The decision to make the change for all teams grew out of gender equity issues," Ryle said. "It has been a national trend to use the same name for men's and women's teams and treat them equally."

The name change was officially

Spike and Simone cheer at a basketball game. The Athletic Department planned to keep both mascots after the elimination of the Lady Bulldog name. The mascots cheered with the cheerleaders at many home games.

completed at the beginning of the spring semester in January. The decision to replace the old name was finalized in September. By that time, Sports Information had produced some of the teams' press guides and several releases with the old name.

"The decision was not made until a couple of weeks into the semester, so we decided it would be better to wait for the spring semester to complete the change," Ware said.

The decision whether to use the Lady Bulldog or Bulldog name was left up to individual teams in the past.

"It has been on an individual basis until September," Ryle said. "We did not want to force a team to use Lady Bulldogs."

Members of various women's athletic teams said they would support the change, but not because they thought it was a pressing issue.

"It is a more neutral nickname for a team," junior basketball player

Amy Pillard said. "It really does not matter to me though."

Other female athletes did not see the relevance of the team's name.

"In a sports context, the name really does not matter," junior cross country runner Angela Meyers said.

Several Universities had changed their mascots in recent years due to concerns over the portrayal of female athletes. Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville) changed the name of its women's teams from Bearkittens to Bearcats.

There were other schools in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association conference that kept separate names. Central Missouri State University (Warrensburg) used the name Mules for its men's teams, Jennies for its women's teams.

"The time was right for the department to make the change," Ryle said. "We are just trying to keep with the times."

by Brett Vito





Brenda Stewart, a member of the 1989-90 women's basketball team, sports a Lady Bulldogs jersey. Uniforms no longer had Lady Bulldogs written on them. Men's and women's teams were united under the name Bulldogs in January 1997.

Freshman Megan Sullivan plays in a new softball uniform. The new uniforms had the Bulldog name instead of Lady Bulldogs. Many coaches and players had been using the name Bulldogs for years rather than Lady Bulldogs.



Bulldog Breakdown

1908

Coach O.C. Bell first referred to his athletes as the Bulldogs

1915

The University officially named its mascot the Bulldog

January 1997

The University officially eliminated the use of the name Lady Bulldogs

Members of the men's and women's tennis teams pose together for a picture. Many teams practiced together and traveled together to games and meets. Many teams became close and friendships formed. Naming both men's and women's teams the Bulldogs helped to unify the teams. (photos submitted)

Ultimate Sport

When most people thought of Frisbee™, they imagined a simple game of catch with a few friends in the park. But for several people at Truman and around the nation, a game of Frisbee™ became a competitive sport.

The sport was known as Ultimate and slowly established itself on the athletic fields of Truman.

The rules of Ultimate were simple. It was played in a manner similar to that of touch football except the players could not run with the Frisbee™, called the disc.

The offensive team moved the disc up the field by throwing it to one another and scored a point upon reaching the end zone. If the offensive team dropped the disc or failed to complete a pass, then the defensive team assumed possession. If such a turnover occurred as a result of physical contact from the defensive player, then the offense retained possession. Play was continuous, so it required much physical stamina of the players.

Ultimate was unique in that the

An Ultimate Frisbee™ player searches the field for a teammate. The Truman Ultimate Bureau played regularly behind Dobson Hall and on the rugby field. Regulation fields were 70 yards long and had 25 yard-deep end zones.

players acted as the referees. Also, the rules were adjustable.

Ultimate originated on the east coast in the 1960s and gradually spread across the nation. The members of the Truman Ultimate Bureau were introduced to the sport three years earlier.

"It basically started when we were freshmen, and our SA wanted to get us doing something outside together," senior Adam McKinnie said.

The group played periodically on the field behind Dobson Hall and on the rugby field.

McKinnie and senior Jim Hewitt played with some of their friends who went to school on the east coast. They learned about strategies and the official rules. When they returned to Truman, they decided to take Ultimate more seriously and began to look for other students to form a consistent group, and TUB was formed.

When the weather permitted, they tried to play at least a couple of times a week. Between 10 and 15

people usually played in a game. TUB included both male and female students.

In February, four members traveled to Columbia and scrimmaged with the team at the University of Missouri.

"By next year we would like to be at the point where we can travel and play against other teams at other schools," McKinnie said.

To prepare for these future ambitions, TUB wrote a constitution and established officers. They planned to file their constitution with the Campus Activities and Organizations Center in August to become an official campus organization.

"On a national level, Ultimate now ranks up there with rugby and lacrosse as one of the more organized club sports at colleges and universities," Hewitt said.

TUB members hoped Ultimate would be recognized as another official club sport at Truman State University in the future.

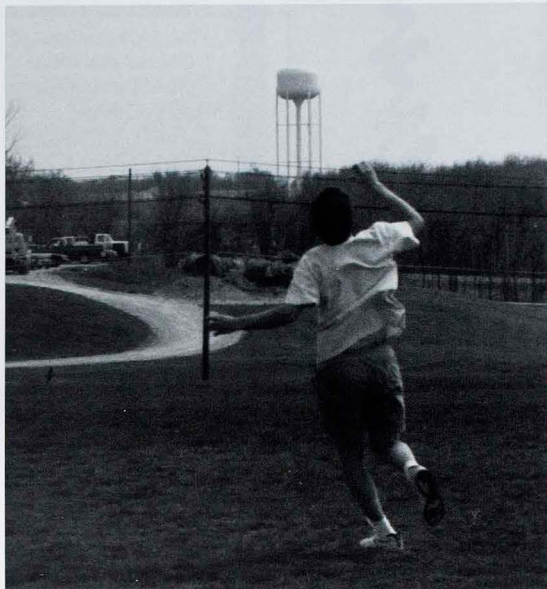
by Brian Koenen





Freshman Kris Miller passes the disc to a teammate. Players threw the disc within 10 seconds after they received it. The rules of the game could be adjusted as needed.

An Ultimate player chases after the flying disc for his team. The members of the Truman Ultimate Bureau wrote a constitution and planned to file it with the Campus Activities and Organizations Center. Four members went to the University of Missouri-Columbia in February for a scrimmage.



Ultimate Breakdown

Contact

Fouls were called for any physical contact

Players

Players also served as referees

Passing

Players had 10 seconds to pass the disc after they received it

Field

70 yards long with 25 yard-deep end zones

A group of Ultimate Frisbee™ players takes a break from their game to discuss strategies. Ten to 15 people usually played at a time. Players served as referees of the game as they played. Fouls were called for any physical contact. Members of the Truman Ultimate Bureau hoped to gain more recognition on campus as well as more members. (photos by Laura Hoechst)

Tennis

1996-97 Tennis Scoreboard

Central Methodist	W 9-0	Washburn University	L 2-7
Central College	W 9-0	William Jewell College	W 9-0
Principia College	W 9-0	Southern Ill.-Edwardsville	W 9-0
Washington University	L 4-5	NWMSU	L 1-8
Gustavus Adolphus	L 0-9	Graceland College	W 9-0
Collin County CC	W 6-3	Emporia State	W 9-0
Austin College	W 9-0	Lincoln University	W 7-2
Cameron University	L 2-7	Missouri Western	W 8-1
Eastern New Mexico	W 5-3	Missouri Southern	W 9-0
University of Neb.-Kearney	W 6-0	Ferris State (Regionals)	L 0-5

Dual Record 13-6



Junior Marilee Boullear slams the ball towards her opponent. During the season, Boullear played No. 1 singles for the Bulldog women's team, and she finished the season with overall record of 17-13.

Sophomore Iris del Rosario serves to her opponent. Del Rosario played No. 5 singles for the Bulldogs and took second place at the MIAA conference tournament. She also earned a third-place finish, along with freshman Kathy Mallon, in No. 3 doubles.



Playing as One

The women of the tennis team set their sights high and reached even higher.

Returning five of their six starters from the previous year, the Bulldogs knew they would be competitive.

The team started off the year with a successful fall season. They won both of their dual matches 9-0 and played well in four tournaments.

Senior Jennifer Vejvoda began her fall season at No. 3 singles untouchable. She continued her winning streak until the Western Illinois Singles Tournament. Her winning streak ended at 47 consecutive matches.

Vejvoda came back with avengence to win her fourth straight conference title in the spring. Vejvoda was also named the team's most valuable player and won the conference sportmanship award.

A few months off from competition did not show for the rest of the Truman team either as the Bull-

dogs came back in full force for the spring season.

The men's and women's teams traveled together to many of the meets in the spring, which gave the teams a chance to get to know each other better.

"The guy's and girl's teams are really close," sophomore Iris del Rosario said. "We are like one big family."

Junior Kelli Brady attributed some of the team's success to the support of the men's tennis team.

"It's always nice to have other people there to cheer you on," Brady said.

The members of the women's team also said bonds formed among the team members. This was evident in the way the players supported one another on and off the court.

"Our personalities match really well," Brady said. "We all get along."

One of the things that made the spring season different from the

fall season was the conference meet.

The Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Tennis Championships was the final meet and the goal of the regular spring season. The women finished third the previous year and hoped to improve.

The team finished third once again of the eight teams in the MIAA conference.

Head Coach Pete Kendall said the highlight of the season came when the Bulldogs beat Eastern New Mexico, a team ranked higher than Truman. Kendall said it was the team's biggest victory.

Kendall said the team's success could be attributed to its dedication and closeness.

"Although we played as individuals on the court, we were always playing as a team," Kendall said.

The team that played together stayed together, and it showed in the team's scores and friendships.

by Jennifer Odefey

Creating Their Own Image

More than other years, we were a close team. The men's and women's teams got along really well and supported each other on the court. The people made it more of a team sport.

--Junior Marilee Boullear



Sophomore Iris del Rosario returns the ball with a burst of power. The women had a successful season with 13-6 dual record. The team finished third in the conference tournament for the second year. (photos submitted)



Women's Tennis Team

Row One: Courtney Jeter, Marilee Boullear, Iris del Rosario, Krista Thieme. Row Two: Head Coach Pete Kendall, Kathy Mallon, Jennifer Vejvoda, Kristen Estes, Kelli Brady, Assistant Coach Chris Wiedmeyer.

Solidified Season

The men's tennis team went to the regional tournament in its best season yet.

The team went 12-6 in regular season play, finished fourth in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association conference and was named 10th in the NCAA Midwest Regional rankings.

With a ranking in the top 13, the team advanced to the Midwest Regional tournament, the first round of the NCAA national tournament. There, they lost to MIAA conference champions Northwest Missouri State University in a 5-4 match. That narrow margin was still impressive after losing to Northwest in regular season play.

Area coaches voted on the rankings to send schools to the regional tournament. According to Head Coach Pete Kendall, the play-offs were not related to conference standings but were based on the entire year's play. This included both the fall and spring tennis seasons.

Junior Matt Saabye said the team got help from key wins toward the end of the season.

"Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and Drury gave us a lot of momentum coming into the season finals," Saabye said.

Kendall said those wins helped solidify position in regionals. A win over the University of Indianapolis, who also went to the Midwest regional tournament, also helped.

Saabye said there was a "team-like atmosphere that we haven't had in the past," that helped the team keep going.

Senior Nathan Talley said the team was his favorite team to play with during his four years at Truman.

"The team was motivated and encouraging, spurring each other on to raise the level of play," Talley said.

Talley also credited Kendall for the success of the team.

"Coach Kendall kept getting better and better the past four

years," Talley said.

Between an experienced returning team and new facilities, the team looked to improve over an already strong finish. Talley was the only member of the team to graduate, so Kendall hoped to have an even stronger regional finish the following year.

"We have a good group coming back and good people coming in," Kendall said.

With the returners and two new recruits, Saabye looked for a deep team with a lot of experience.

"I think the majority of us will be seniors," Saabye said, "so we'll be at least as good or better than this year."

Kendall looked forward to the completion of the Student Recreation Center, so the team would have more time to practice indoors in Pershing Arena. New tennis courts waited for the team, along with the ever-present hopes of an even better next season.

by Dave Gragg

Creating Their — Own Image

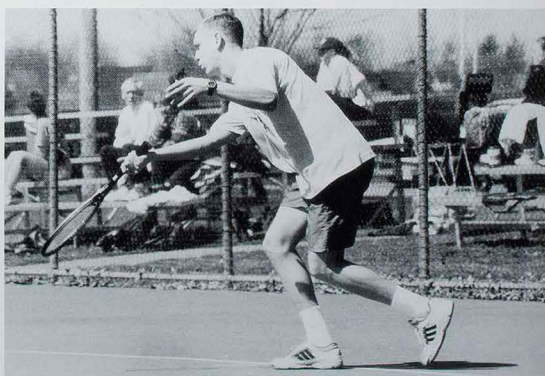
"The other teams perceived us as a more unified team than other teams. We really enjoyed the game, but more than that, we really enjoyed each other's company. That doesn't happen a lot in tennis."

—Senior Nathan Talley

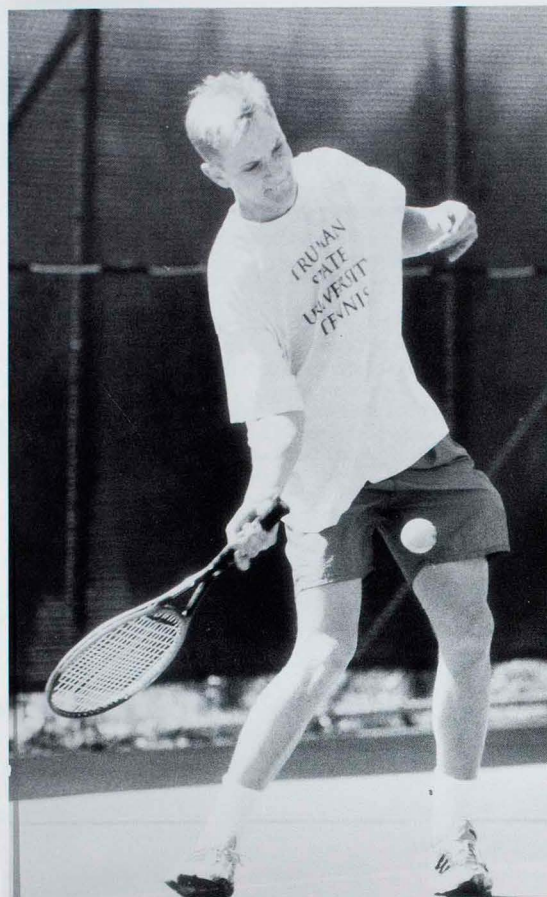


Men's Tennis Team

Row One: Jeff Farrell, Nathan Talley, Cole Haynes, Matt Saabye. Row Two: Head Coach Pete Kendall, Shawn Siegele, Matt Lazinski. Jeff Borengasser, John Balven, Assistant Coach Chris Wiedmeyer.

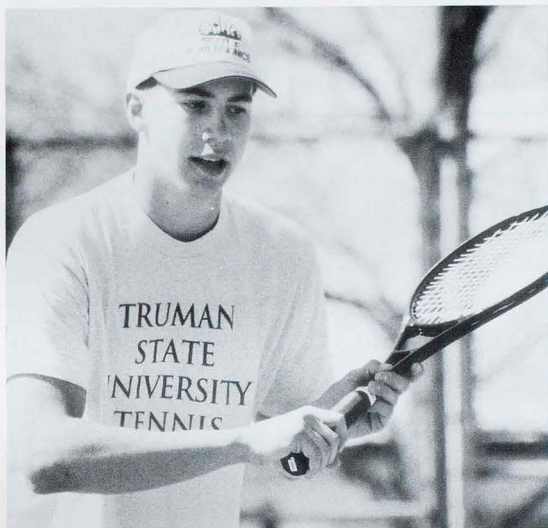


Sophomore Jeff Borengasser chases down his opponent's return. The tennis courts were renovated after the spring season for the following year. The team also looked to the opening of the Rec Center for more indoor practice time in Pershing Arena.



Sophomore Jeff Borengasser returns a serve with ease. Borengasser finished his season at No. 3 singles with a record of 16-7. The team looked for a promising future as it returned seven of its eight squadmembers.

Freshman John Balven waits for his opponent to serve the ball. Balven played No. 4, No. 5 and No. 6 singles. The men's team had a successful season, finishing fourth in the MIAA conference tournament. (photos submitted)



1996-97 Tennis Scoreboard

St. Ambrose University	W 9-0	Washburn University	L 1-8
Central Methodist	W 9-0	University of Indianapolis	W 5-2
Central College	W 6-3	William Jewell College	W 9-0
Jefferson College	W 6-3	Southern Illinois	W 5-4
Principia College	W 6-3	NWMSU	L 3-6
University of Ill.-Springfield	W 8-1	Graceland College	L 1-8
Collin County CC	L 2-7	Drury College	W 5-4
Austin College	W 8-1	Emporia State	W 8-1
Cameron University	L 2-7	Southwest Baptist	L 3-6
University of Neb.-Kearney	L 3-6	NWMSU (Regionals)	L 4-5

Dual Record 12-7

Tennis

Golf

1996-97 *Golf* Scoreboard

Men

Truman Bulldog Classic	1st (11)
UM- Rolla Miner Classic	7th (10)
Missouri Southern Invite	7th (13)
Drury College Invite	4th (18)
UM- St. Louis	7th (16)
CMSU	3rd (15)
William Jewell Invite	3rd (12)
Lincoln University Tournament	4th (12)
MIAA Tournament	4th (9)
NCAA West Regionals	12th (15)

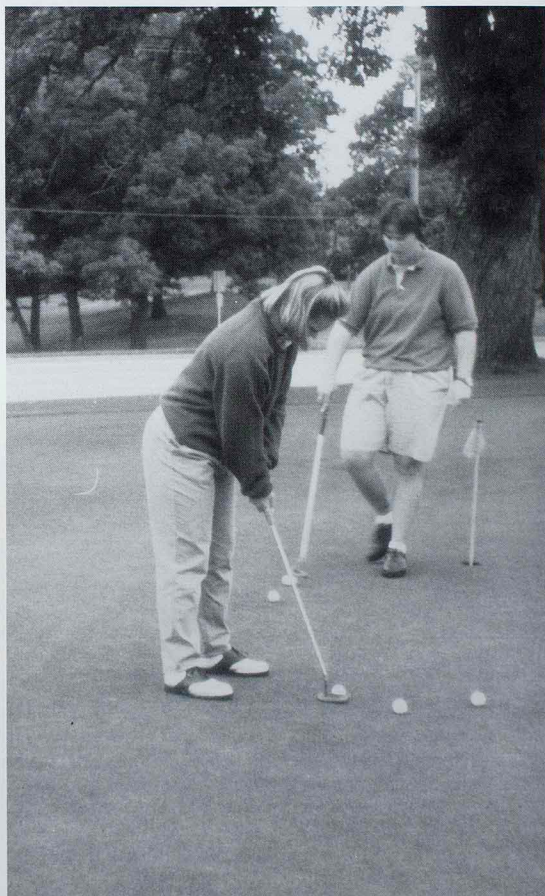
Women

Mt. Mercy Tournament	1st (10)
St. Ambrose Classic	2nd (10)
University of Minnesota Invitational	14th (15)
Northern Iowa Classic	5th (7)
UM- Kansas City	4th (5)
SMSU Classic	7th (8)
Illini Classic	9th (12)
Lewis Tournament	1st (11)



Members of the women's golf team practice on the driving range. The team did not receive an invitation to the NCAA Division II National Tournament as a team. Sophomore Jaime Geer and junior Erin Stukart competed in the tournament as individuals.

Senior Jenny Bierbaum and junior Tara Rice practice their putting skills. Bierbaum was the only member of the team graduating. The team was young and looked forward to a bright future. (photos submitted)



Qualifying Quest

The golf teams were on a quest all season.

The men's team wanted to advance at least as far as it did the previous year in the NCAA playoffs. It attained its goal by qualifying for the NCAA Division II Regional Championships.

The men's team was led by juniors Craig Fischer and Steve Johnson throughout the year to a fourth-place finish at the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association tournament.

The squad was not always sure of its qualifying status for regionals due to some shaky play in the spring.

Men's Coach Keith Peck said the team had played well at times, but they were not always sure of themselves.

"Our boys step up when the conditions are tough," Peck said.

Peck said if the team was able to stay above third in the conference, it would probably be selected by the committee to compete in

regionals.

At the time the committee made the selections, the team fell to fourth place, but they had a better overall stroke average than third-place Missouri Southern State College and were selected to compete by the regional selection committee.

"We had a strong chance of being selected if we stayed above third in the conference," Peck said.

There were several occasions in the spring when the men's team played poorly on the first day and took itself out of contention for the top spots in the tournament, despite a solid second day of play.

"We've really shot ourselves in the foot and made it hard to catch up to the first, second or third place teams," Fischer said.

The women's team also had a season of ups and downs.

Women's Coach Sam Lesseig said the team played well throughout the season.

"We had one really bad tournament," Lesseig said. "But for the

most part, we played well."

The goal of the women's team was the NCAA Division II National Championships. The team did not get an invitation to compete as a team at nationals, but junior Erin Stukart and sophomore Jaime Geer were invited to compete individually.

"It is kind of disappointing that we probably won't get an invite to nationals," Lesseig said.

Senior Jenny Bierbaum said although the team fell just short of its goals, everyone played well overall.

The team was young with four freshmen among the 10 team members. The younger players looked to the returning players for guidance.

Bierbaum felt the team was closer than during any other season in her four years on the team.

"Our personalities just matched better, and we got along really well this year," Bierbaum said.

by Matt Schott

Creating Their — Own Image

"We were a team where a lot of young guys stepped up into the limelight. We had a different lineup each week, which was necessary because we had seven or eight guys who could play in the top five spots."

—Senior Greg Sanborn



Men's Golf Team

Row One: Craig Fischer, J.R. Christensen, Tyson Ketchum, Steve Johnson. Row Two: Head Coach Keith Peck, Kevin Koch, Travis McCubbin, James Ford, Greg Sanborn, Trae Morgan.



Women's Golf Team

Row One: Heidi Theobald, Jill Ralph, Brie Cantrell, Jaime Geer, Tara Rice. Row Two: Stacie Boes, Chris Forcelledo, Head Coach Sam Lesseig, Emily Wolpers, Erin Stukart, Jenny Bierbaum.

Thrown Together

In his eighth year as head coach, Dan Zimmer lead the Bulldog softball team to its first winning season since 1988 and the first winning season in his Truman career.

Despite the 20-15 overall record, the Bulldogs posted a disappointing 5-10 record in the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association conference.

But the members of the softball team did not join the team expecting to be the best. They knew they would have to work to win.

"I wasn't sure what to expect when I came to Truman because I knew their records haven't been great in the past, but I was excited to play for the team," said freshman Jen Wright, who started 32 of the 35 games. "We worked very well together considering there were seven seniors and 11 freshmen thrown together."

The power of the freshmen was an important factor for the team.

Wright displayed her excitement on the field as she and freshman

Megan Sullivan both tied the single-season record for home runs with five.

Sullivan also tied the single-season record for most home runs in a game with two. She earned all-conference honors when she was named to the second team.

The MIAA also recognized senior Danni Peterson with honorable mention as the only other Bulldog named to the all-conference team.

Peterson ended her four-year career second on the all-time list for home runs with five and doubles with 27.

The team also lost senior co-captain Dawn Schumann who topped the all-time list for hits with 137 and runs with 89.

Senior pitcher Michelle House contributed to the team's winning record by striking out 45 batters and only walking 15 in 125 innings pitched.

House posted an 11-6 record of her own with a 1.91 ERA, and held

her opponents to a .233 batting average.

"We always get along as a team, and we have fun," Housesaid. "We continue to be a team, and when the new girls come along, they need to accept them in order to build on the solid foundation that we created."

As a team, the Bulldogs set more school records, including 50 doubles, .294 batting average and .394 slugging percentage. Sullivan led the regulars with her individual batting average .389.

With lessons taught by the graduating seniors and an experienced coach, Truman softball was set to continue to create a winning tradition in the future.

"We have high hopes for next season because we have great recruits and great girls left from this season," Wright said. "The graduating seniors left us all a great foundation and we expect to build a successful team off of that."

by Tracie Hiltz

Creating Their — Own Image

"We had a lot of new players and a lot of seniors. It was surprising how close we were. We were such a unified team, and we played together really well. We just gelled together and had a good season."

—Senior Becky Guthrie

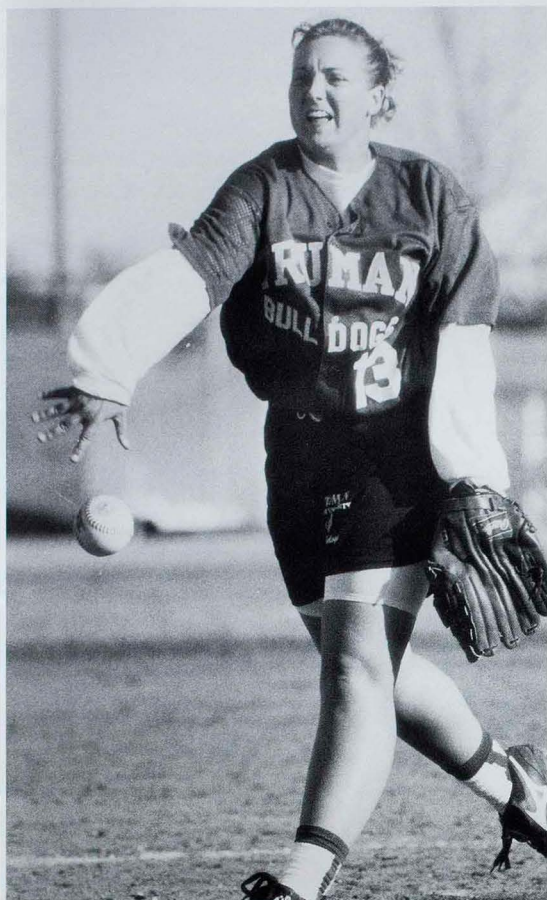


Softball Team

Row One: Denise Irwin, Stephanie Schlegel, Megan Sullivan, trainer Jennifer Frankenberg, Michelle Rackers, Amber Eastabrooks. Row Two: Head Coach Dan Zimmer, Jen Wright, Gail Knaebel, Carin Hunt, Dawn Schumann, Shannon Stelle, Shannon Johnson, Melissa White. Row Three: Assistant Coach Lance Dorgan, Danni Peterson, Meredith Boyt, Randi Culp, Crystal Wing, Christine Schamber, Melissa Johnson, Michelle House, Becky Guthrie.



Senior infielder Becky Guthrie tags out a runner at third base. Guthrie was a co-captain of the team. She played third base in her three years with the Bulldogs.



Senior pitcher Michelle House lets the ball fly. House finished her four-year career at Truman going 11-6 in her last season. She had 15 walks to 45 strikeouts and held opponent hitters to a .233 batting average.

The Bulldogs celebrate as freshman infielder Jennifer Wright scores a run. The Bulldogs finished the season with a 20-15 record and were 5-10 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association conference. It was the team's best season since 1994. (photos submitted)



1997 Softball Scoreboard

Salem Teikyo	L	1-2	Emporia State	W	5-4
Salem Teikyo	W	2-1	Emporia State	L	1-5
Oakland City	W	10-2	NWMSU	L	1-3
Martin Methodist	W	17-2	NWMSU	W	6-4
West Florida	L	2-5	CMSU	L	1-2
West Florida	L	1-2	CMSU	L	1-2
North Dakota State	W	9-6	Hannibal-LaGrange	W	14-0
Salem Teikyo	W	4-1	Hannibal LaGrange	L	2-4
Piedmont	W	6-1	Missouri Western	L	1-4
Dowling	W	4-3	Missouri Western	W	5-3
North Dakota State	L	3-5	Missouri-Rolla	L	2-4
Piedmont	W	5-2	Lincoln	W	14-0
William Penn	W	5-1	Missouri Southern	W	1-0
William Penn	W	12-0	Pittsburg State	L	8-10
Iowa Wesleyan	W	5-3	Southwest Baptist	L	0-6
Iowa Wesleyan	W	8-0	Hannibal-LaGrange	W	8-4
Washburn	L	6-7	Hannibal-LaGrange	W	11-0
Washburn	L	2-4			

Softball

Baseball

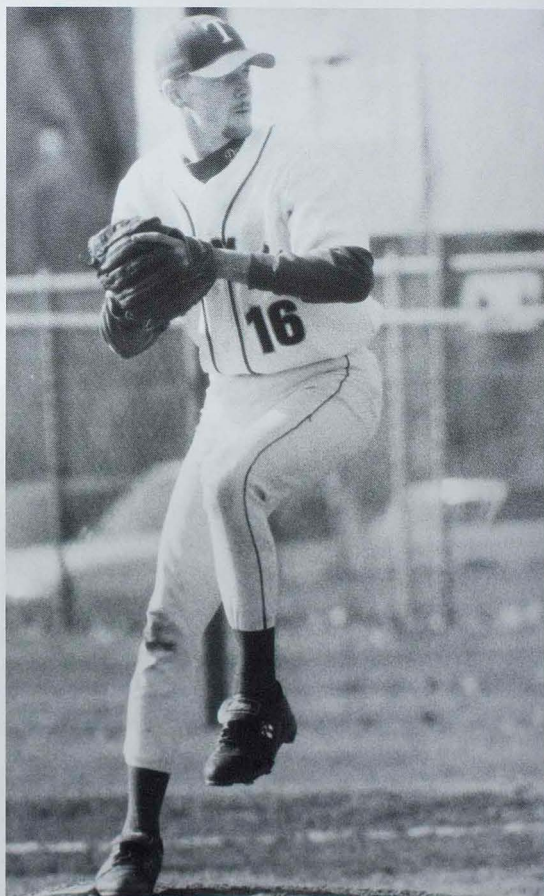
1997 Baseball Scoreboard

Wisconsin Stout	L	1-3	Washburn University	L	13-17
Wisconsin Stout	W	6-3	Washburn University	L	4-18
Morningside	L	3-6	Southwest Baptist	L	2-3
Morningside	L	3-9	Southwest Baptist	L	3-12
Fontbonne College	W	10-1	Iowa State	L	1-5
Union University	L	3-12	CMSU	L	3-19
Union University	L	4-6	CMSU	L	3-5
Lambuth University	L	1-6	CMSU	L	1-5
LaMoyné- Owen	W	13-4	Pittsburg State	L	3-10
LaMoyné- Owen	W	8-6	Pittsburg State	L	1-5
Quincy	L	0-6	Iowa	L	0-18
Quincy	L	6-7	Missouri Southern	L	9-12
Mercyhurst	L	2-4	Missouri Southern	L	3-18
Lewis University	W	4-3	Lincoln University	L	1-9
SIU- Edwardsville	L	7-12	Lincoln University	W	10-5
Missouri-Rolla	L	0-9	Missouri Western	L	2-9
Missouri-Rolla	W	2-1	Missouri Western	L	1-7



Senior catcher Matt Klusman keeps a close eye on the ball. Klusman played in 34 games in his final Truman season. His career batting average was .277, and he hit seven home runs and scored 49 runs as a Bulldog.

Sophomore pitcher Josh Niemczyk prepares to strike out another batter. Niemczyk led the Truman pitchers with a 4.24 earned run average. He started nine games and had 33 strikeouts.



Winning Attitude

Some thought bringing young faces to an old team would breathe life into the Truman baseball team, but it did not prove true.

Even with 11 freshmen added to the 1997 roster, the Bulldogs ended their season with an 8-27 overall record and were 3-15 in the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association conference, missing the playoffs for the third consecutive year. Non-conference losses included Division I schools Iowa State University and the University of Iowa where the Bulldogs fell 1-5 and 0-18, respectively.

The Bulldogs also lost their number one pitcher. Senior Andy Jackson received a medical redshirt after an injury, but he planned to return for the 1998 season.

Jackson's absence opened the door for sophomore Josh Niemczyk, freshmen Jeff Birdsong and freshman reliever Rob Simms, who helped lower the team's ERA to 6.34 from the 1996 average of 7.91. Niemczyk led the team in

strikeouts with 33 in 57.3 innings pitched, while Birdsong had 28 strikeouts in 37 innings. Simms finished the season 1-2 with one save to his credit after starting three games and relieving for seven more.

"Not much has changed since my freshman year," senior co-captain Matt Klusman said. "Team-wise, as the years progress, we were a lot more friends than just teammates this year. Having a lot of young guys helped with that because they weren't involved with fraternities or a lot of other activities, which allowed us to spend more time together outside of baseball."

Klusman ended his four-year career with 115 hits, 24 doubles and 162 total bases, putting him fifth among all-time career leaders in all four categories. In 1997, Klusman batted .298, and he averaged .277 during his four years at Truman. Klusman hit seven home runs and totaled 53 RBIs in his career.

Klusman was the only player

who would not return the following season. Without Klusman, the Bulldogs planned to continue to build a solid offense with the help of freshmen David Westmeyer and Mike Kubinski, who led the team in batting. Westmeyer finished with a .348 batting average while Kubinski finished second on the team with .321.

More experience came from sophomore Tony Vandemore and junior Ryan Murphy, who led the team with five home runs each. Murphy also led the Bulldogs with 11 doubles and 22 RBIs.

Despite their offensive efforts, the Bulldogs suffered through a 14-game losing streak at the beginning of the season and then lost 16 of their last 17 games.

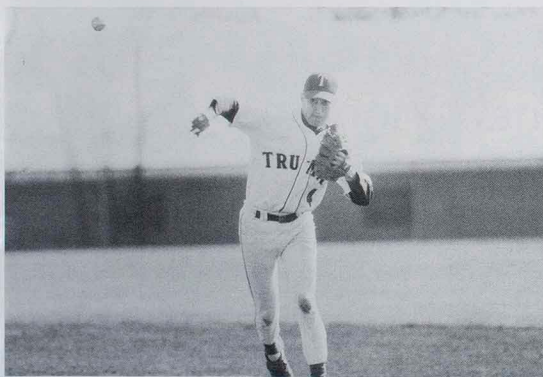
"We all had a winning attitude, but that's something that's always been there," Klusman said. "That's one thing that hasn't changed through my four years on the team. We always wanted to win."

by Tracie Hitz

Creating Their — Own Image

"Our team was much improved over previous seasons, although it may not have been reflected by our loss record. I am very optimistic for next season as we return eight of nine starters.

—Coach B.J. Pumroy



Junior Gabe Nardie releases a pitch. Nardie broke the Truman record with nine sacrifices in a season. He batted .280, scored 15 runs and drove in 18 runs for the Bulldogs. (photos submitted)



Baseball Team

Row One: Assistant Coach Kyle Plackemeier, trainer Fred Wolfmeyer, Mike Kubinski, Rob Simms, Shawn Bergman, Ryan Murphy, Clay Biggs, Tyson Meyer, trainer Jeremy Clipperton. Row Two: Andy Jackson, Bryan Wakefield, Matt Thompson, David Westmeyer, Greg Lenich, Josh Niemczyk, Gabe Nardie, Ryan Riggle, Head Coach B.J. Pumroy. Row Three: Graham Oswald, Tony Vandemore, Jason Eldridge, Dave Block, Matt Klusman, Cory Hanstein, Jeff Birdsong, Brian Bonness.

Victory Venture

The track teams ventured outdoors in the spring for another successful season.

After most members of the men's and women's track teams spent the winter running indoor track, they finally got to move outdoors for their favorite season.

"The outdoor season is the true love of most of us," senior Erin Burns said. "It's a lot more fun to run outdoors, and it is easier on your body."

Although the athletes agreed the outdoor season was their favorite, the season was a short one, lasting only about five weeks.

The season began with the Bearcat Invitational at Northwest Missouri State University (Maryville). The men's team captured several first place finishes to help the team finish second of 25 teams. The women's team finished fourth overall.

Two weeks later, the two teams traveled together once again to the Mule Relays at Central Missouri

State University (Warrensburg).

Several athletes used this meet to qualify for the NCAA Division II National Championships. Burns was a double qualifier, winning the high jump and the 400 meter hurdles. Freshman Natasha Carter qualified in the shot put, and junior Matt Antognoli qualified in the 400 meter dash. The men earned another qualifying mark in the 4x400 meter relay.

Although every member of the track teams had a personal goal to go to nationals, most were not highly disappointed if they did not qualify.

"Our goal was to finish the best we could and place as high as we could at conference," senior Jeff Obert said. "It was a successful season."

Both teams had a good showing at the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Outdoor Championships. They wanted to improve on the fourth place finishes each team earned the previ-

ous year.

The men's team fell just five points short of finishing in the top three by finishing fourth with 85 points. The women dropped one spot from their indoor conference finish as they placed fifth with 65 points.

Individually, the Bulldogs captured three titles. Senior Craig Maxwell won the 10,000-meter run. Senior Jeremy Struttman claimed the 5,000-meter run title, and junior Megan Mosher led the 100-meter hurdle field in a personal best time.

Burns said the freshmen played a vital role in the success of the women's team.

"If I could have been that on top of things when I was a freshman," Burns said, "I can't imagine where I would be today. I am really proud to have them represent us."

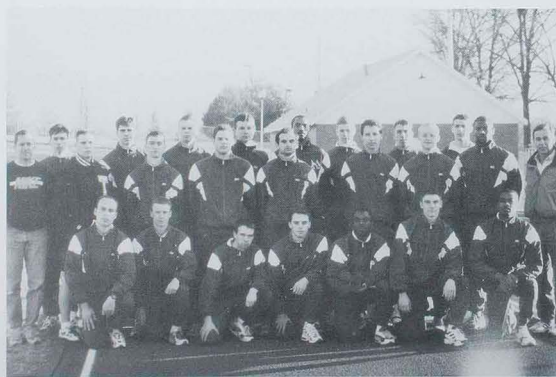
Both teams would return the majority of their athletes, so more winning seasons were in the forecast.

by Jennifer Odefey

Creating Their—Own Image

What made this team unique was that we were more united than any team I have ever been on. We were more than just teammates. We were friends. There were a lot of people supporting us everytime we ran, jumped or threw.

--Junior Matt Antognoli



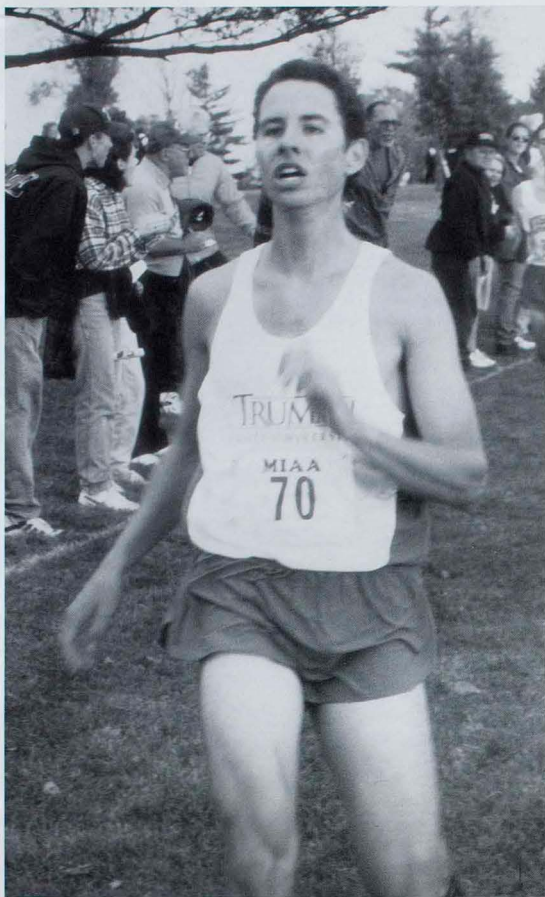
Men's Outdoor Track Team

Row One: Mike Johnson, Craig Maxwell, Mark Miller, Mike Hronick, Sean Williams, Aaron Aversman, Vasean Nixon. Row Two: Assistant Coach Mitch Figas, Keith Aumiller, Nate Bradley, Eric Davis, Brian Maples, Shawn Weber, Aaron Krill, Jacob Kaemmer, Rob Mallinder, Matt Antognoli, Chad Froelker, Christian Blackburn, Brad Schottel, Scott Poston, Scott Henderson, Onuka Ibe, Head Coach Ed Schneider.



Women's Outdoor Track Team

Row One: Beth Sabin, Satonya Carter, Angela Meyer, Jennifer Lehmann, Kristin Mylar, Paige Bixler. Row Two: Beth Waters, Julie Olson, Jan Loussaert, Elizabeth Scott, Erin Burns, Dafros Mudyirwa, Molly Kandlbinder. Row Three: Alison Sparks, Sarah Vicker, Natasha Carter, Megan Mosher, Katie Kuster, Gretchen Bruemmer, Sarah McLean.



Junior Christian Blackburn completes the last leg of his race. Blackburn was a middle-distance runner for the Bulldogs and competed on the 4x800 meter relay team. The relay team competed in the Drake Relays and placed 22nd.

Coach John Cohrane gives members of the women's team words of advice before their event. It was Cochran's 17th season as women's track coach. He also coached the women's cross country and indoor track teams. (photos by Josh Adams)



MIAA Outdoor Championships

Women

Event	Athlete	Place
Shot Put	Natasha Carter	4th
Triple Jump	Paige Bixler	4th
	Katie Kuster	5th
High Jump	Erin Burns	2nd
Heptathlon	Burns	2nd
100-m hurdles	Megan Mosher	1st
	Jan Loussaert	2nd
400-m hurdles	Burns	2nd
	Mosher	4th
	Bixler	6th
4x100-m relay	Women's team	5th
4x400-m relay	Women's team	3rd

Men

Event	Athlete	Place
Discus	Kurt Suellentrop	6th
High Jump	Shawn Weber	3rd

Long Jump

Triple Jump
Decathlon
110-m hurdles
400-m hurdles
200-m dash
400-m dash
800-m run
1,500-m run
3,000-m
steeplechase
5,000-m run
10,000-m run
4x100-m relay
4x400-m relay

Weber	2nd
Ryan McWilliams	5th
Weber	3rd
Chad Froelker	3rd
Keith Aumiller	6th
Aaron Krill	6th
Matt Antognoli	3rd
Antognoli	2nd
Aaron Aversman	4th
Christian Blackburn	5th
Craig Maxwell	3rd
Jeremy Struttman	1st
Maxwell	5th
Maxwell	1st
Mark Miller	6th
Men's team	6th
Men's team	3rd

Outdoor Track

Training Hands

If the heart of the Truman athletic department was the athletes, then the backbone was the athletic trainers.

Athletic trainers did all of the behind-the-scenes work of an athlete's physical maintenance, from ankle taping to muscle stimulation.

The athletic training program was one of the most competitive and selective programs at Truman.

"We are very picky about the people we take, and we won't take people who are not qualified," said Michelle Boyd, assistant director of athletic trainers. "It all depends on the number of applicants we get. Right now, we have only 19 trainers."

The group of athletic trainers was described as the best group, collectively, of trainers the school had in years.

The trainers' duties consisted of providing the athletes with fluids during practices and competitions, preparing and treating athletes

physically for practices and competitions and evaluating injuries of the athletes.

Besides the physical aspect of training, athletes and coaches liked what the trainers did for the athletes mentally.

"The athletes know that they are well taken care of," Head Football Coach John Ware said. "The trainers give both the athletes and parents peace of mind because they know the athletes are in good hands."

"I think the athletic trainers here, as a whole, are pretty good," said sophomore Chris Kohl, a member of the swim team. "They get along really well with the teams, and this makes them easier to approach."

The training department prided itself on the professionalism of the program. Head Trainer Clint Thompson said good training came from a good work ethic.

"This profession is so demanding that if the students do not have a good work ethic, they won't be

good trainers," Thompson said. "The students must have a desire to learn, and with a school like this, desire and work ethic goes hand in hand. The intensity here is pretty high, so if the students don't want to learn, they shouldn't be here."

The coaches on campus appreciated this work ethic.

"We are fortunate to have this type of professionalism in that aspect of athletic programs," Ware said.

Sophomore Chad Kerssick, a student athletic trainer, admitted the program was intense and kept him busy, but he said training taught him responsibility, time-management skills and how to deal with people.

"I got into it because I wanted to do something related with my career and athletics," Kerssick said.

The love of their jobs, despite the demanding schedule of the athletic department, was why the trainers were in the program.

by Carolyn Hepburn



The Bulldog Athletic Trainers

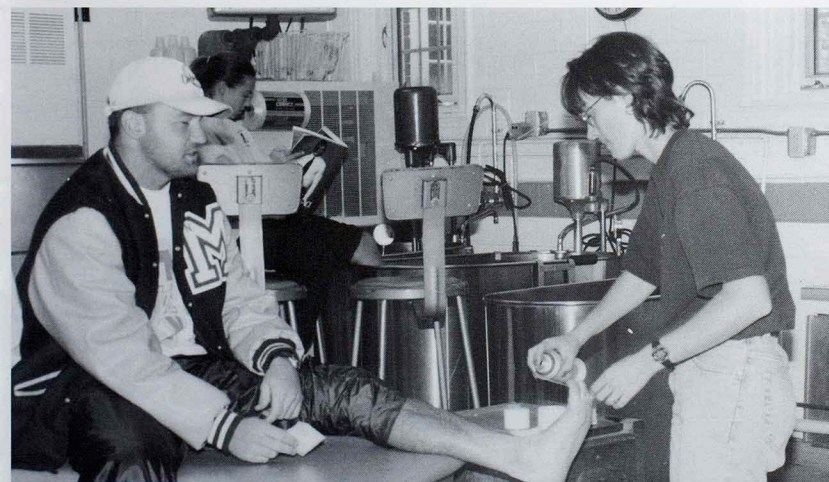
Row One: Jody Sellers, Maria Stylianou, Kristi McGuiness, Diana DeSmidt, Angela Meyer, Assistant Director Michelle Boyd, Head Trainer Clint Thompson. Row Two: Chad Kerssick, Jeremy Clipperton, Andy Hirsch, Heather Murphy, Kristin McGuire, Jennifer Frankenberg, Sydney Palmer, Jason Conaway. Row Three: Erin Connors, Stacey Rife, Melissa Hargrave, Erika Rathburn, Fred Wolfmeyer, Tim Hudson.





Freshman Stacey Rife assists a football player by taping his wrist before practice. Athletic trainers gained valuable hands-on experience for their future careers. Many trainers planned to become physical therapists.

Freshman Fred Wolfmeyer inspects his work as he assists a football player preparing for practice. Athletic trainers had to apply for their jobs through a competitive process. Nineteen trainers were selected for the 1996-97 staff.



Senior Kristi McGinnis helps junior Jason Forrest with a foot problem before he goes to practice. Trainers helped athletes before and during practices and competitions. They provided athletes with fluids and evaluated their injuries. (photos by Jennifer Brostek)

Trainer Breakdown

Average hours a week:
20

Typical Major:
All student trainers are
Exercise Science majors

Busiest Season:
Fall, due to football

**Minimum
GPA Requirement:**
Freshmen--2.85
Sophomores--3.00
Juniors--3.10
Seniors--3.20

Earning Respect

From being hip to doing flips, cheerleading at Truman took on a new image.

"Cheerleading has gone from rah, rah to a sport founded in gymnastics," senior Phil Kreutz said.

Cheerleaders worked hard toward gaining respect and being recognized as a sport at Truman State University.

The squad had to meet rigorous physical requirements for the first time.

Female cheerleaders had to run a mile in under seven minutes, bench press 45 pounds, and have a body fat percentage of under 22 percent. Male cheerleaders had to run a mile in under six minutes and 30 seconds, bench press 135 pounds, and their body fat had to be under 15 percent.

The requirements were difficult and demanding of the squad, but Head Coach Vel Pauls thought it was a step in the right direction.

"We need to exercise even more," Pauls said. "It needs to be included in practice. We don't get to sit on

the bench to catch our breath. We cheer all the time."

Sophomore Sara Fincham also thought the requirements were a positive step.

"The harder you have to work at something, the more you appreciate it," Fincham said.

Cheerleaders wanted the University to appreciate them as well. Finding a place that was adequate and available to schedule practices was a problem for the cheerleaders. Although they had to compete with varsity sports for limited space and time, they still practiced five days a week.

The squad hoped to participate in the National Cheerleaders Association and Universal Cheerleaders Association competitions in the future.

"We have seven new people on the squad, and if they stick it out, they're national material," Captain Keri Silea said.

Kreutz said competition was a lofty goal, but the biggest priority was to lead the crowd.

"We are trying to be more visible and do some other stunts and activities this year to build the squad up to a better performance level from last season," Silea said.

The squad looked for vocal leaders who were developed athletes and Truman sports enthusiasts to build the crowd participation, the part of cheerleading that most of the public saw as the primary duty of a cheerleader.

Fincham said it was sometimes frustrating to be a cheerleader because she felt as though the rest of the school and the community lacked school spirit.

It was difficult to see people leave at halftime, she said. Truman was not a Division I school, but Fincham thought the athletes deserved just as much support.

Pauls said with the developing tumbling, pyramid, and overall athletic skills, at some point the NCAA would be encouraged to recognize and sanction cheerleading as the performance sport it was.

by Chris Allison

The Bulldog Cheerleaders

Row One: Rich Chapman, Sarah Markunas, Phil Kreutz, Keri Silea, Roy Reighard, Nicole Colton. Row Two: Kim Milligan, Brandon Smith, Sara Fincham, Kevin Stucker, Bethany Crews, Alex Ramage, Mara Farkes





Sophomore Sara Fincham, junior Sara Markunas, and freshman Mara Farkes perform a cheer at the Homecoming Kickoff. They also participated in the Homecoming Parade. The cheerleaders' obligations went beyond cheering at games. (photo by Hemal Patel)

Cheerleaders complete a cheer by building a pyramid while sophomores Sarah Fincham and Keri Silea excite the crowd. Complicated skills such as pyramids took a great deal of practice. Although cheerleading was not officially recognized as a sport, cheerleaders practiced everyday. (photo by Hemal Patel)



Sophomore Jake Maechling, juniors Alex Ramage and Roy Reighard, senior Phil Kreutz, freshman Brandon Smith and junior Rich Chapman do a push-up for each point the Bulldogs score. Bad weather and poor Bulldog performances did not stop the cheerleaders, who always supported the team until the end. Football season was the most demanding for the cheerleaders. (photo submitted)

Cheerleading Breakdown

Number of Cheerleaders:
14

Average number of people who try out for the squad:
About 30 girls
and 10 guys

Breakdown by year:
Freshmen-5
Sophomores-5
Juniors-3
Seniors-1

Practice time involved:
Two hours a day,
five days a week

people

Truman's image was a reflection of the thousands of unique people who were part of the University. Each member of the faculty, staff and student body contributed a distinct character which combined to create a diversified whole. The image of students went far beyond their academic endeavors. From tending bar to taking care of children, they worked long hours on and off campus. Students promoted the spirit of the University, from posing as the Bulldog to representing their peers on the Board of Governors. They shared their talents through participation in local and campus media. They lived with pets, planned weddings and won awards for their achievements. Some students balanced their own studies with teaching classes themselves. Even after they graduated, some found themselves lured back to Truman to work. Professors taught everything from dancing to flying and learned there was more to their image than teaching. Outside of the classroom professors played in a band, published their own works and made long commutes in order to balance their families with their careers. University staff worked behind the scenes, often without much recognition. They managed the University from the inside, from filling supply needs to assisting President Jack Magruder. Throughout it all, people formed the image of Truman State University. Although the people always changed, the legacy they created remained consistent.

Create An Image

Jill Snitker, Section Editor/Designer



Virginia Young Stanton Garden

A construction worker disassembles the molds that were built to begin construction on the Virginia Young Stanton Garden. Virginia Young Stanton contributed \$200,000 for the creation and maintenance of the garden as a memorial for her grandfather, Samuel M. Pickler. The garden was completed and dedicated on Aug. 6. Designed to run nearly the entire length of the library, the garden featured a variety of flowers, plants, shrubs and trees, as well as an area for reading or a friendly visit.

Sharper Image:

Matt Braun

The same hands that swept the floors of the Student Union Building shook the hand of the governor.

In addition to being appointed to the Board of Governors, junior Matt Braun worked on the SUB staff.

Braun was appointed to the Board of Governors in the spring of 1996 by Gov. Mel Carnahan. As the only student on the Board of Governors, Braun worked anywhere from three to 15 hours a week on Board issues, attended Board meetings and reported to Student Senate.

"I'm very happy to be able to represent the tax payers of Missouri and the students of Truman as a member of the Board of Governors," Braun said.

Even though it may have seemed he led a glamorous life, Braun remained down-to-earth.

As a student manager of the SUB, Braun worked 20 hours per week helping with room set-up, cleaning and supervision when the professional staff was off duty.

Over the summer of 1996, Braun worked as a janitor in the SUB with duties like cleaning bathrooms. Last fall he was promoted to a student manager position.

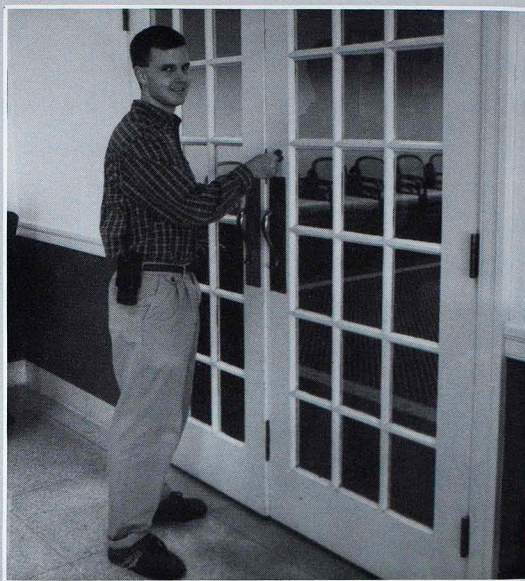
Braun enjoyed his double life and even considered it a learning experience.

"Both of these jobs are very important roles within different segments of the University," Braun said. "I've gained a better understanding of the intricacies of the operation of an institution of this size."

Braun did it all, representing the Truman students to cleaning up after them.

by Jessica Neighbors

Going on his rounds, junior Matt Braun locks the Student Union Building for the night. Braun worked as a student manager in the SUB. His duties included setting up rooms for various activities, general cleaning and supervision of the SUB's occupants. Several students found working in the SUB a great way to make extra cash.

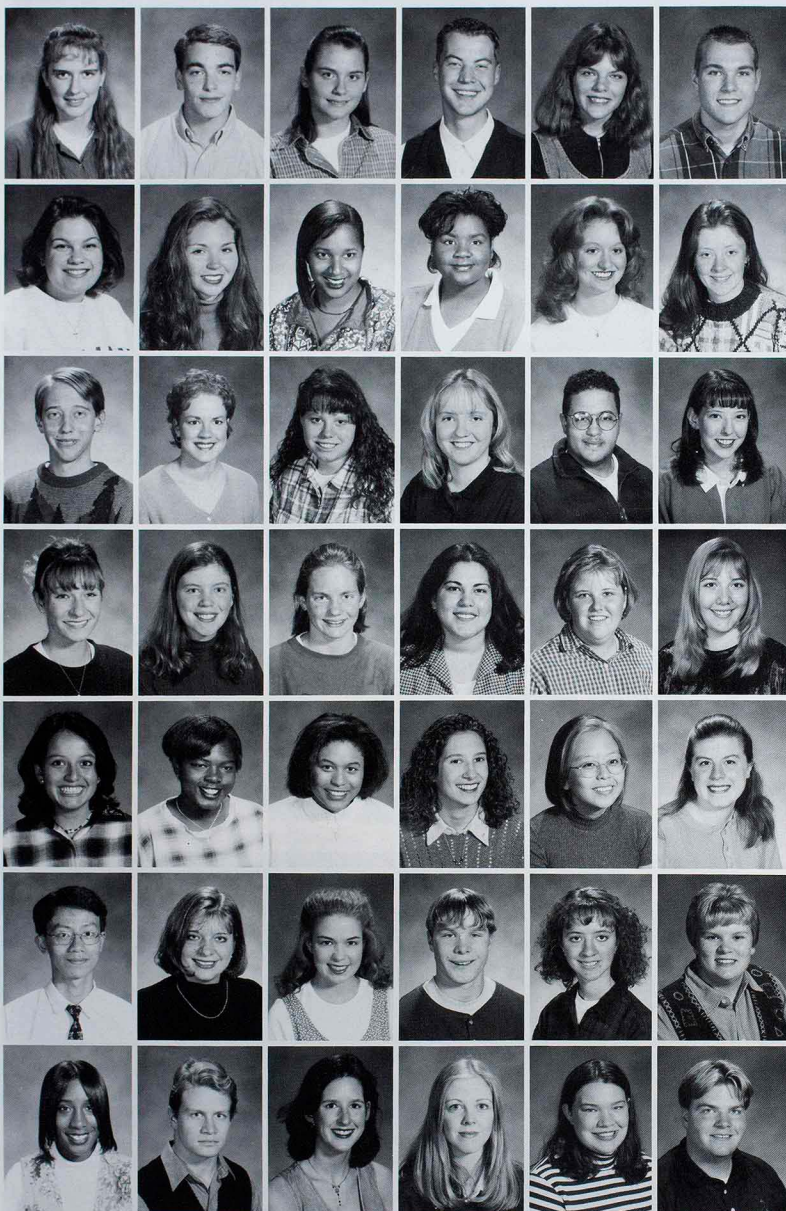


Before classes are in full swing, students enjoy the summer air during the Activities Fair. In addition to checking out organizations, students used the time to socialize. The fountain provided a central location for students to gather.

Senior Ranessa Cooper celebrates her luck. During the Activities Fair, an airplane flew over the Mall and dropped pingpong balls for students to catch. Each pingpong ball had a number on it, so students could cash them in at Mainstreet Market for prizes. (photos by Hemal Patel)



Freshmen



Holly Ahrens
Ben Anderson
Kristine Anderson
Michael Baudisch
Angela Benton
Joseph Bieser

Angela Binversie
Jordan Block
Lakisha Blue
Sharonda Boards
Jennifer Bodenhamer
Leigh Bohack

James Bonucchi
Marisa Brammer
Stephanie Brenneke
Alina Brown
Jonathan Brown
Sarah Brown

Jennifer Buchheit
Laura Bueneman
Sonya Burgers
Cyria Canessa
Brie Cantrell
Kimberly Carpenter

Maria Jose Carrasco
Natasha Carter
Sibyl Cato
Jennifer Chambers
Yumi Choe
Anne Chopin

Chun Tat Chui
Jessica Cinco
Shalyn Claggett
Gabriel Colbeck
Nikki Cook
Cassy Cooksey

Angelicia Cooper
Graham Cridland
Kate Cunniff
Christy Cupples
Sara Denny
Douglas Depp

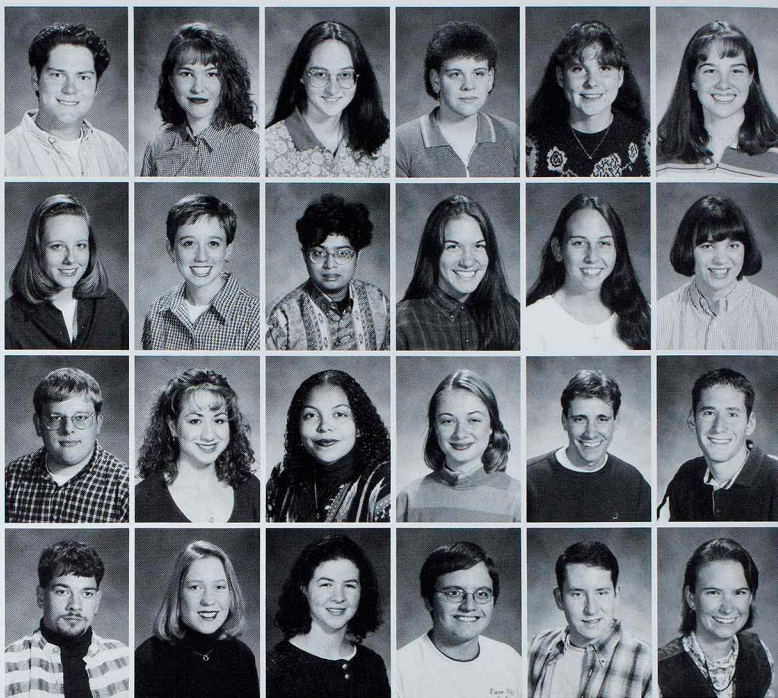
Freshmen

Timothy Deveney
Leslie Dowell
Olivia Dowell
Megan Duffy
Jennifer Duncan
Sarah Dunn

Lisa Eaton
Katherine Elbert
Mohammad Emdad
Nicole Finley
Sunshine Fleeman
Elissa Ford

Timothy Fortner
Rebecca French
April Galvin
Jessica Gaskill
Adam Gebhardt
Matthew Gervase

Patrick Gibbons
Rebecca Gjesfeld
Kristin Goodwin
Eric Granger
Billy Green
Jerri Greenwell



**"Having my cat is worth
every penny."
sophomore Trish Mounts**

Tango, cat of senior Christy Geiger, claims his territory. Students often left their pets alone while they were away at classes. The pets had the run of the apartment until their owners returned.



Freshmen



Felicia Griffin
Christopher Guillory
Dana Hahn
Jessica Harper
Kia Hartfield
Sherry Hartig

Cassie Harvey-Brown
Aubrey Hawley
Catherine Hayes
Abigail Heeter
Evelyn Henderson
Amber Hendricks

Jennifer Herron
Kelly Hildebrandt
Zachary Hoenes
Jamie Hohman
Rhiannon Hollister
Tarita Holloway

Marisa Holmes
Susan Hoskins
April Howard
Carrie Ann Hrastich
Joshua Hudson
Kerry Hymes

Animal Houses

Not all of the animal houses in Kirksville were occupied by party people.

Instead, the residents were pet people. Many students opted for an animal companion once they moved off campus.

"I couldn't live without my cat," senior Christy Geiger said of Tango. "Whenever I come home, he's sitting in the window, and when I come in, he comes running up to me."

Sophomore Trish Mounts said her cat, Precious, did not miss her as much.

"Precious sleeps most of the day," Mounts said. "I don't even think she knows I'm gone. But when I come home, she's very playful."

Geiger said her cat also loved to play, but had an identity problem.

"Tango is not really like a usual cat," Geiger said. "He loves to fetch things. He'd go get the stuff I throw, brings it back and releases it in front of me. He thinks he's a dog."

Geiger and Mounts said the initial fees a responsible cat owner faced were costly.

"Her food is not that expensive, although she's a chow hound," Mounts said. "Having

my cat is worth every penny."

Geiger brought up one more issue concerning pets: landlords. A strict lease deprived some students of the pet privilege.

Senior Ross Henderson said he found a way to avoid landlord confrontations and the high costs of owning a pet. He served as temporary guardian of Tyler the goldfish.

"It's not actually mine," Henderson said. "But it's in my custody."

Tyler was a low-maintenance pet, but Henderson said he did not feel the same type of affection that people felt for their more cuddly pets like cats and dogs.

"I feel no attachment to the fish," Henderson said. "The bowl gets dirty, I haven't been able to teach him any tricks, and the food smells absolutely terrible."

Cuddly or not, Tyler had a special way of letting his owner know it's meal time.

"He gets rocks in his mouth and spits them out," Henderson said. "You just hear this click click click, and we know he wants his food."

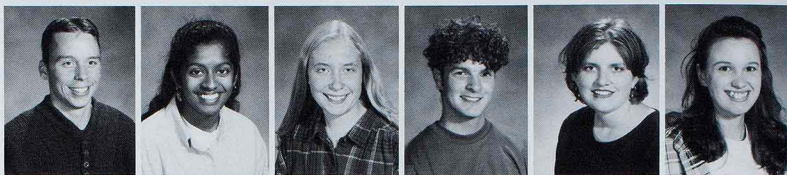
by Nathan Talley



Senior Christy Geiger takes time out from studying to play with her cat. Students enjoyed having pets for company during stressful semesters. Some landlords allowed students to live with pets. (photos by Laura Hoescht)

Freshmen

Nicholas Iwig
Jothy Jacob
Ashley Jacquin
Benjamin Jankowski
Michelle Janson
Jennifer Jenkins



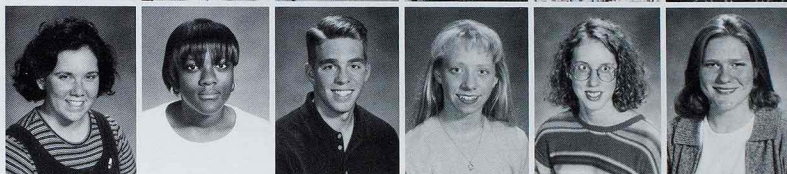
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Teska Johnston
Mary Johnston
Rhea Juliano
Elizabeth Kedley
Rebecca Keilholz



Angela Kell
Kimberly Kelly
Carla Klahs
Kate Koenig
James Kramer
Katie Kuster



Michelle Landers
Janelle Lee
Joel Leman
Betsy Liebsch
Amy Linsenhardt
Beth Lojewski



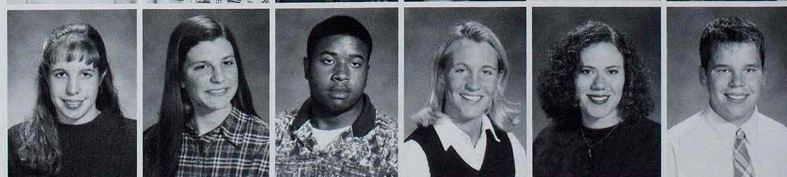
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Dax Marquez
Kristen Marsh



Jessica McVeigh
Cory Milles
Kimberly Milligan
Linisha Mills
Christopher Mobley
Jenny Mueller



Lisa Muldoon
Shelley Mundhenk
Joe Murchison
Cara Murphy
Amanda Myers
John Newton



Senior David Spight socializes with Ryle Hall residents in the hall office. As assistant to the director, Spight was the only male student who lived in Ryle. Although many male students envied his position, Spight was not allowed to date Ryle residents.



Sharper Image: David Spight

To some it was only a dream, but for senior David Spight, being the only male student living in a hall of 500 females became a reality.

Spight was assistant to the hall director in Ryle Colleges. He worked with Hall Director Amy Malaska and with the student advisers. Spight worked 10 to 12 hours a week in the hall office in addition to taking classes.

Spight was in charge of programming for the building, taking care of emergency situations and arranging student adviser schedules.

"Mainly I help Amy run the building," Spight said.

Spight had his own apartment in Ryle. He had a living room and kitchen in addition to regular residence hall bedrooms.

During the 1995-1996 school

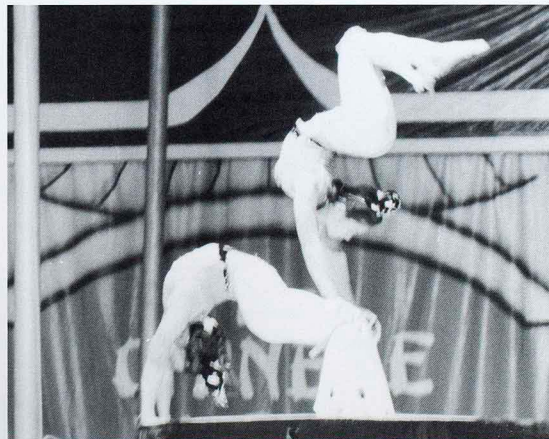
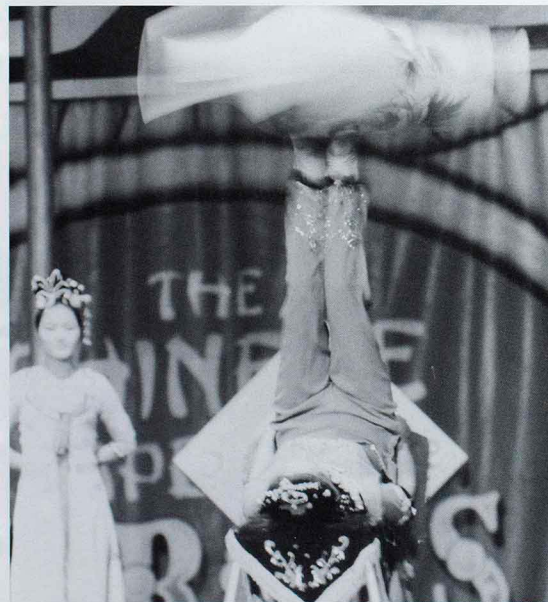
year, Spight was a peer adviser in Missouri Hall. Spight had to adjust from a coed living environment to an all-female environment. He saw many differences between the two.

"Living in Ryle is a little quieter, more polite...definitely different," Spight said.

Even though Spight was surrounded by females, dating a Ryle resident was not an option. As a staff member, Spight could not date anyone he had direct responsibility for, which ruled out Ryle residents.

Living and working in Ryle was a change for Spight, but he enjoyed it. Being the assistant to the hall director was an important step to getting a hall director position, which was something Spight hoped to achieve in the future.

by Jessica Neighbors



Two women perform for the Oriental Contortion act at the Chinese Imperial Circus. The circus was sponsored by the Kirksville Noons Lion Club. The big tent was set up in the field north of Wal-Mart.

An acrobat with the Chinese Imperial Circus spins a vase with her feet. The circus had two performances on Sept 14. Each performance was 90 minutes. (photos by Hemal Patel)

A Life's Battle

Some Truman students probably thought twice before their next trip to the gas station.

Environmental Campus Organization and NEMO Greens brought Dr. Owens Wiwa to campus on Sept. 19. Approximately 200 students and faculty learned about his battle with Shell Oil Company.

Ever since Wiwa was a child, Shell had been a part of his life. The oil company moved into his homeland in southern Nigeria and took the oil from their ground. The oil spilled and ruined their homes, water and air, creating a dangerous living environment.

"Shell was synonymous with Hell," Wiwa said.

The Ogoni people were suffering from skin diseases and respiratory problems due to the pollution. Their life expectancy rate was decreasing by six years.

The Ogoni people formed a group to help stand up for their rights. Wiwa's brother, Ken Saro-Wiwa, was the president of the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People. They tackled Shell with non-violent

protests and sit-ins and talked with people around the world on how to go about dealing with Shell. They gained support from Greenpeace and Amnesty International and designed a Bill of Rights to present to Shell.

Shell joined forces with the Nigerian military and together destroyed seven villages, killing over 2,000 people.

Wiwa's brother was executed by the Nigerian military government in 1994. After his brother's death, he escaped from Nigeria and spread the word of the Ogoni people.

After hearing Wiwa, concerned students supported his cause.

"I thought it was very informative in a worldly sense because I haven't heard of any world issues that I could be a part of helping here," junior Sarah Roll said.

Some students were surprised by what was going on with the Shell Oil Company.

"This makes you wonder why you don't hear about things like this more often," freshman John McMenamy said.

by Amy DeHart

Dr. Owens Wiwa addresses Truman students and faculty about his battle with Shell Oil Company. Wiwa escaped from Nigeria to spread the message of his people, the Ogoni. A large crowd gathered in the Student Union Building to hear Wiwa's story.



Freshmen

Tara Noah
Mary Nutter
Erica Oborny
Kristin Orf
Andrea Penn
Jeff Phillips

Eddie Pierce
Laura Pierce
Jason Ramthun
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Claire Rosche
Diana Roshek

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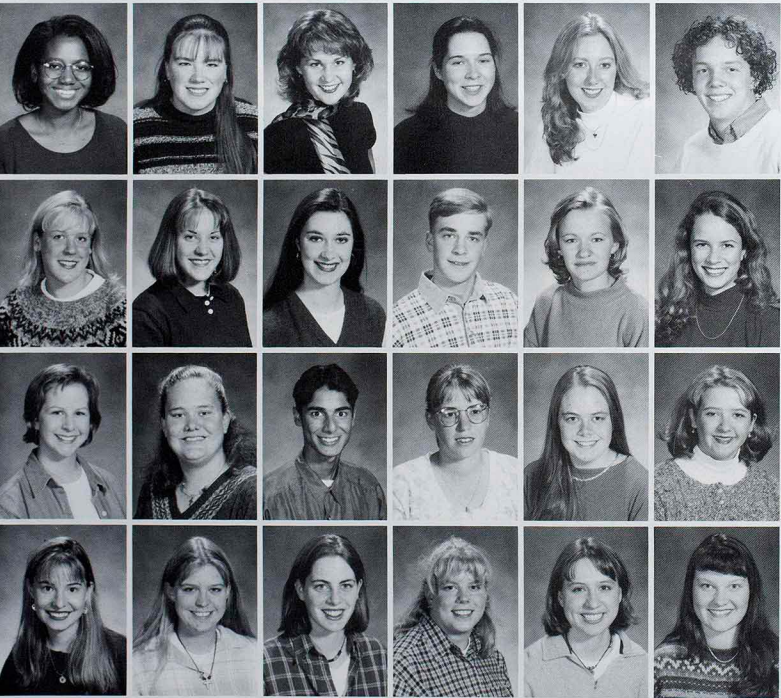
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Lori Sickmann
Jamie Sievering





Students and faculty discuss the problems with the environment in this decade. Environmental Campus Organization and NEMO Greens brought Dr. Owens Wiwa to campus. Wiwa spoke on Sept. 19. (photos by Jennifer Brostek)

**"This makes you wonder why you
don't hear about things like this
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Regina Simmons
Jennifer Smart
Haley Smith
Julie Smith
Lisa Smith
Dustin Sollars

Erica Sparks
Katie Svoboda
Debbie Stange
Eric Staub
Livia Still
Lauren Stoppelmann

Melanie Supranowich
Crystal Swinford
Vishnu Taimni
Annah Terry
Heather Tomes
Laura Townsend

Janeen Traen
Michelle Tyler
Laura VanByssum
Lauren Vehige
Rachelle Vida
Heather Vollmer

Freshmen

Sharper Image:

Eric Maze

Image was everything when it came to television.

Senior Eric Maze had an image to portray. Not only as a student, but also as the weekend anchorman for KTVO, which presented a delicate balance.

Maze varied his style when presenting the news in order to portray this image. He changed his personality by using different facial expressions and tones of voice. For example, when presenting a serious news story, his tone of voice was stronger and his eyebrows were stern.

"I want the viewers to see me as competent, responsible and authoritative — yet warm," Maze said.

Maze tried to build a relationship with the viewers. He portrayed a friendly image by having conversations with other anchor-men. He said he wanted to be someone the viewer related to and trusted.

"My biggest obstacle is my age,

to overcome how young I look on the air," Maze said.

Maze said he wanted to overcome the stereotype that age equaled experience. He wanted the viewers to see him as experienced, regardless of how old he was, because the viewers needed to trust the news when they heard him deliver it.

Not only did Maze shape his own image, he also shaped the image of the news. He helped produce the weekend news, which shaped what news the viewers saw in addition to how they saw it.

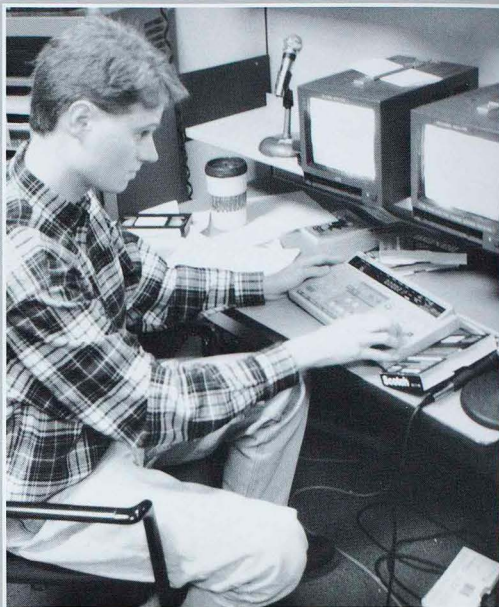
"It's a pretty big responsibility to decide what heartland viewers are going to see as news," Maze said.

He said the decisions he made about the weekend news basically dictated what news was and was not.

In a way, he created the image of the news.

by Cathy Pezold

Senior Eric Maze edits a segment during television lab. In addition to working as an anchor at KTVO, Maze helped with the television class on campus. Maze used his hands-on experience at KTVO to help teach the television labs. Editing labs required a lot of time and dedication.



Blizzards and drifting snow keep students bundled up during the winter. Students left their cars parked and set out on foot to get around Kirksville and campus. Hats, scarves and mittens became the popular apparel.

Snowmen and women decorate the Quad in the winter months. Suffering from cabin fever, students braved the cold in search of fun. They overcame the cold weather by building snow sculptures. (photos by Hemal Patel)



Freshmen



Sally Walz
Megan Watson
Lisa Weckenborg
Kati Wedig
Mary Weinberger
Rebecca Weintraub

Laura Wells
Lyndsay Wheeler
Holly Wherry
Stephen Wilke
Adelle Willer
Crystal Wing

Erin Wright
Mayly Yang
Nanaka Yoshida
Jennifer Zagurski
Aggeliki Zorbas

Freshmen Images:

Missouri Residents:
72%

**Male-to-Female
Ratio:**
44:56

Average ACT:
26.4

Top Three Majors:
undeclared,
biology,
business administration

**High School
GPA:**
3.6/4.0

Sophomores

Lisa Abrewczynski
Shannon Acock
Jennifer Adams
Josh Adams
Kimberly Adams
Julie Alexander

Meredith Allee
Jocelyn Auckly
John Bacevicius
Latonya Barber
James Barnes
Erica Barts

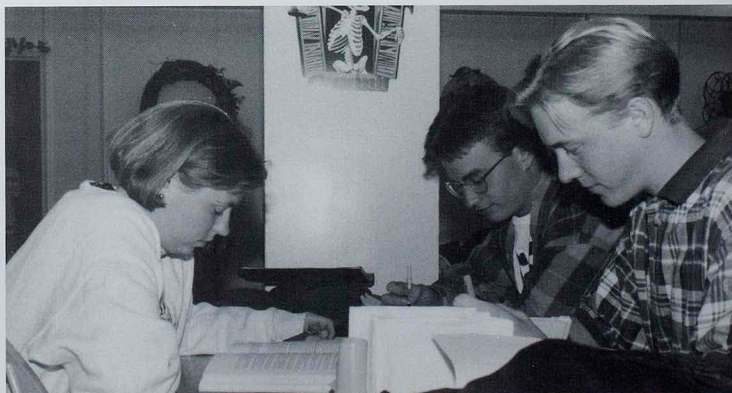
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Brad Belvo
James Beutler
Chanitra Bishop
Stephanie Blalock

Summer Blume
Danita Bonvillian
Carrie Bowden
Amy Bowers
Joseph Brown
Nicole Brueggemann



**"It's too stressful. Not many people
would be able to do it."
senior Joe Brockmeier**

Juniors Lisa Kays, Grant McWilliams and Doug Jameson study together in Missouri Hall. Finding time to study was difficult because of the fast-paced college life. Students had to study when the opportunity became available.



Sophomores



Katy Bryan
Stacey Bumpus
Carol Burkhardt
Jennifer Butler
Teresa Chandler
Hsiu-hsien Chang

Rong Chen
Alyssa Conine
Lorie Conley
Sarah Conrad
Jeni Cook
Stephanie Cooper

Tim Copple
Jesse Crews
Shannon Cummins
Jack Dabrowski
Jamie Davis
Matt Davis

Andy Dean
Jusonda DeRouen
Jeanna Desideri
Deanna Dieckmann
Taneesha Dobyne
Kevin Dooley

Working to Survive

Sacrificing sleep was common for Truman State University students. For some, it was all in a day's work.

Junior Michele Allen called herself a night person but worked the early morning shift at McDonald's in Kirksville. Twice a week she got up to open the doors at 5 a.m.

Sophomore Amy Wieseler was a morning person but worked all night on Thursday and Friday at Preferred Family Health Care.

Senior Joe Brockmeier worked at Sodexo Food Service from 4 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. every day.

The students had various reasons for turning their schedules upside down to accommodate their jobs. Allen said her job helped her earn money and gain work experience.

Brockmeier said he worked long hours at Sodexo to earn money to pay his way through school.

"It makes me ill when I see students who don't do anything else here," Brockmeier said. "Students who spend Mom and Dad's money don't take their degree seriously or see their education as valuable." Despite this,

Brockmeier said he would not recommend all students work as many hours as he did.

"It's too stressful," Brockmeier said. "Not many people would be able to do it." He got work out of the way first thing each day, but classes and studying kept him busy until midnight. He often got only four or five hours of sleep with an occasional nap during the day.

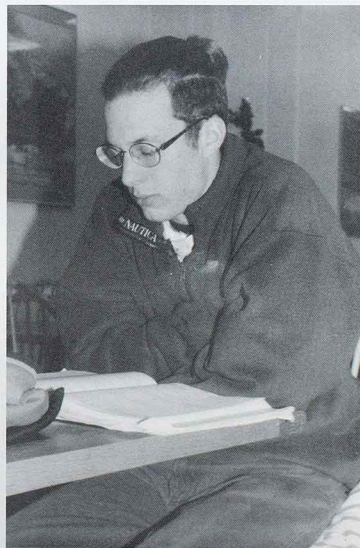
Wieseler said it took her many days to catch up on sleep. After working all night on Thursday, she slept a little between classes on Friday. She would try to get through the rest of the day and work all night again before she could sleep soundly.

Wieseler's job also affected what she was able to do with her friends because she often spent the weekend catching up on sleep.

Of course, there were benefits to working all night.

Wieseler said the best part of her job was when the patients began to wake up. One day a patient told her, "Your smile makes my day." Hearing that made Wieseler's day.

by Nancy Reschly



Sophomore Mark Grubb catches up on his homework late at night. Students became used to studying until late hours. Many students were forced to study during hours they would normally sleep because of odd work hours. (photos by Jennifer Brostek)

Sophomores

Janette Dumas
Jennifer Elam
David Ernst
Christina Faison
Elizabeth Filipowicz
Sara Fincham



Gabe Fisher
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Elizabeth Frederick
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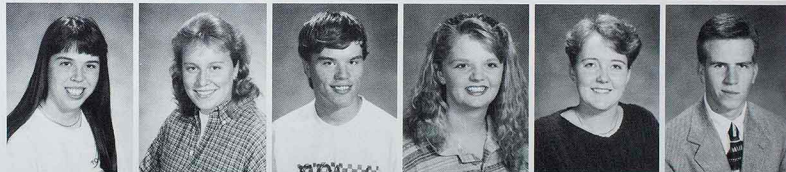
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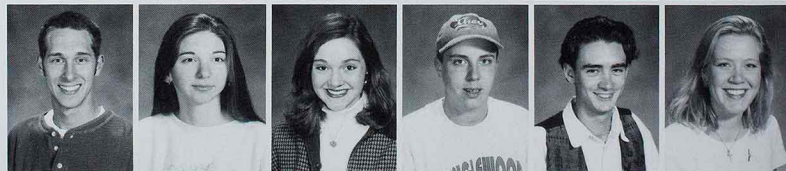
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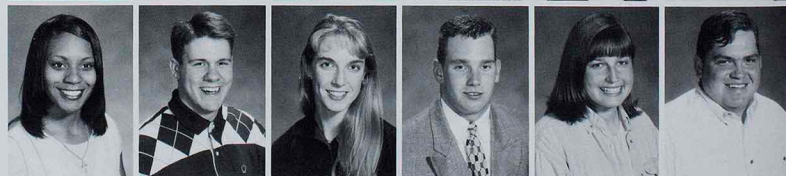
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Russell Hardy
Tera Harrington
Amy Heck
Christopher Heck



Michael Heckman
Cheri Heiser
Julia Hempel
Jason Herbig
Bernardo Hernandez
Amy Hevrin



Tonae Hill
Robert Hoesly
Laura Hoffman
Kevin Hollinger
Jennifer Horton
Ryan Hoshor



Junior Chad Odgers creates another Truman image. Each week during the academic year, Odgers's cartoons were featured in the *Index*. Images varied from focusing on the Kirksville community to the Truman community. Odgers often created his images by visiting the focus of the cartoons and sketching what he viewed. Odgers cartooned as a hobby for 10 years and for the *Index* for two years.



Sharper Image: Chad Odgers

Week after week, junior Chad Odgers created new images for students to enjoy.

Odgers was the *Index* cartoonist. His weekly cartoons brought a smile to most Truman students. He began cartooning about 10 years ago and started drawing for the *Index* two years ago.

Odgers said he liked drawing cartoons for the students.

"I'd enjoy drawing cartoons even if they weren't getting published, but it's nice to have them in a larger forum so more people can see and enjoy them," Odgers said.

A studio arts major from Algonquin, Ill., Odgers planned to attend an art graduate school after graduation. Odgers did not have plans to be a cartoonist for life, even though it was a fun hobby.

In addition to the *Index*, Odgers drew cartoons for *The*

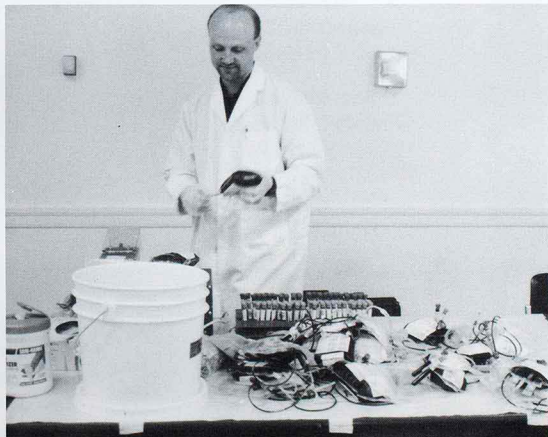
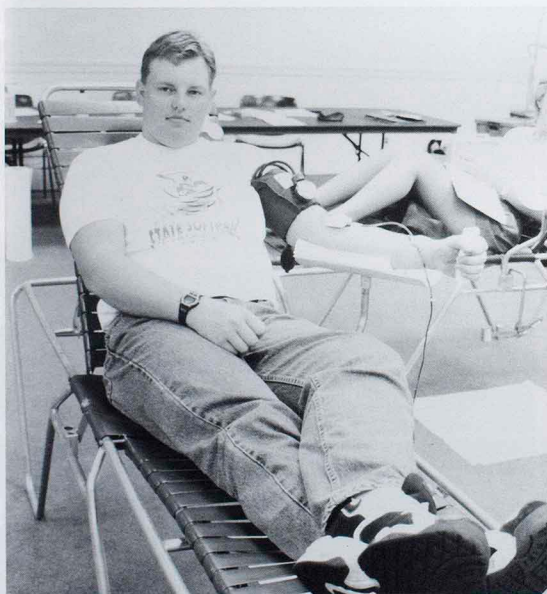
Pecker magazine. He said he enjoyed drawing these because they were directed toward a broader audience. The *Index* cartoons always focused on some element of Truman or Kirksville in general. He said finding amusing things about school week after week could be difficult.

Despite this, Odgers created an image for every cartoon.

"The people I just make up in my head, but sometimes I have to go to the place and draw, actually sketch some life," he said.

Odgers's hard work paid off when he won first and second place in the state for editorial cartoons in a competition sponsored by the Missouri Collegiate Media Association. He also won first place in the region in a competition sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists.

by Tasha Amick



Assisting Nurse Rick Ralston keeps track of the blood donated at the blood drive. Cardinal Key and Blue Key honor societies hosted the three-day blood drive. Registered nurses made sure donors passed a preliminary test before the blood was accepted.

Junior Chris Heckman reclines while giving blood. Donors had to squeeze an object to keep the veins open in the arm. Movies were provided as entertainment for those waiting to finish donating blood. (photos by Hemal Patel)

Taking the Vows

Images of things old, new, borrowed and blue rested in the future of some Truman students as they went about their coursework.

Some students found being engaged could both cause and relieve stress at the same time.

"My engagement has helped me focus on what is really important to me," senior Jennifer Wallace said. "After three years of crying over grades, I have found that there is a lot more to life than that."

Wallace planned to get married in September 1997 to senior Rob Dowil.

"Rob is the only guy I have ever met that honestly has a sweet heart," Wallace said. "I can't remember the first thought in my head when he proposed, but I remember the look on his face, and I will never forget it."

Dowil found he was more focused because of what he had to look forward to.

"Being engaged has helped me make up my mind," Dowil said. "I have narrowed down the region where I want to live. School is almost over, and I am more motivated to find a job, so it made all of my decisions

easier. Also, when I get really stressed out, I think that in eight months I will be getting married, and things are easier to handle."

The role of an engaged student was a little difficult for senior Cathy Rhoades since her fiancé did not attend Truman. She planned to graduate in December and get married in the summer. While she was excited for the wedding, she was far from ready.

"I am not going to start to plan for it until January," Rhoades said. "I couldn't plan for the wedding and concentrate on school at the same time."

Although Wallace already started her wedding plans, she had similar sentiments.

"It helps to have classes to keep my mind busy," Wallace said. "My wedding is a year away, and I would get overly excited if I didn't have something to occupy me."

Getting engaged was a motivation to focus on the future for some of the couples.

"Before I was engaged I was clueless, but now I am a little less clueless, and I know where we want to live," Wallace said.

by Carolyn Hepburn

Brides-to-be have many decisions to make. Engaged students were busy searching for bridesmaid dresses as well as the perfect wedding dress. Searching for a wedding dress was difficult in a small town such as Kirksville.

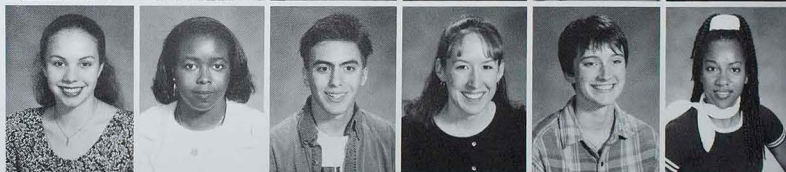


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Debbie Hunt
Kelly Hurst
Nao Inoue
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Christine Johnson



Kara Johnson
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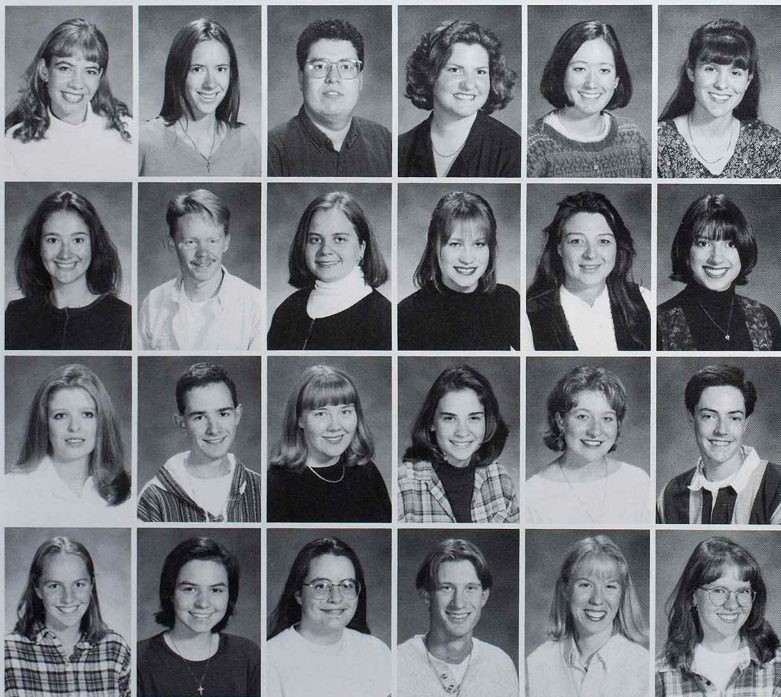
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Ann Kralik
Gina Lauver





Senior Jennifer Wheelhon looks through bridal magazines for wedding tips. Wheelhon found it difficult to plan the wedding with her fiancé out of town. Engaged students had a hard time balancing school work with their wedding plans. (photos by Laura Hoechst)

**"After three years of crying over grades, I
have found that there is a lot more to life than
that."
senior Jennifer Wallace**



Amy Letford
Kelly Lovan
Michael Madonia
Megan Malcolm
Elizabeth Mals
Laura Martin

Amy Maslan
Eric Matthews
Michelle McCarty
Jennifer McKellips
Angela Meyer
Bekka Meyer

Carrie Miller
David Miller
Debbie Moeller
Patti Moran
Andrea Mueller
Daniel Murphy

Molly Nahm
Jessica Neighbors
Jen Nicholson
Bradley Niebling
Janet Noll
Mary Noonan

Sophomores

Sharper Image:

JoAnne Moritz

They called it the cage, and in the middle of the mazed wire sat JoAnne Moritz with a smile.

The cage, also known as Central Supply, was located on the first floor of McClain Hall.

Part of the purchasing division, Central Supply supplied items for all the divisions and residential halls. Divisions could backcharge items such as disks, pens and other supplies.

Moritz was responsible for keeping track of the supplies purchased and helping student workers use the photocopy machine.

"I enjoy all the wonderful students and people who visit me," Moritz said. "I'm a people person."

Visiting Moritz was more than a shopping trip. She was always ready to share a story about her grandchildren or to simply chat about the weather. Always open with her visitors, Moritz made

students and faculty feel welcome in the supply room.

In addition to regular supplies, Central Supply stocked various Truman paraphernalia from mugs to mousepads which could be purchased by individual students or professors.

Moritz worked with the University for over 30 years. She started her career at Truman by working for University Printing Services until they moved to a new campus location in Barnett Hall. After their move six years ago, Moritz began working for Central Supply.

Everyday held an opportunity for Moritz to make new friends of student workers and faculty members.

"I've been fortunate to see a lot of people on campus," Moritz said. "I enjoy meeting a lot of people and helping others."

by Jill Snitker

JoAnne Moritz fills an order for sophomore Renee Robinett. Robinett needed supplies for the Campus Activities and Organizations Center. Central Supply housed office supplies for every division and residential hall on campus. Students and faculty knew Moritz for her pleasant personality and service with a smile.

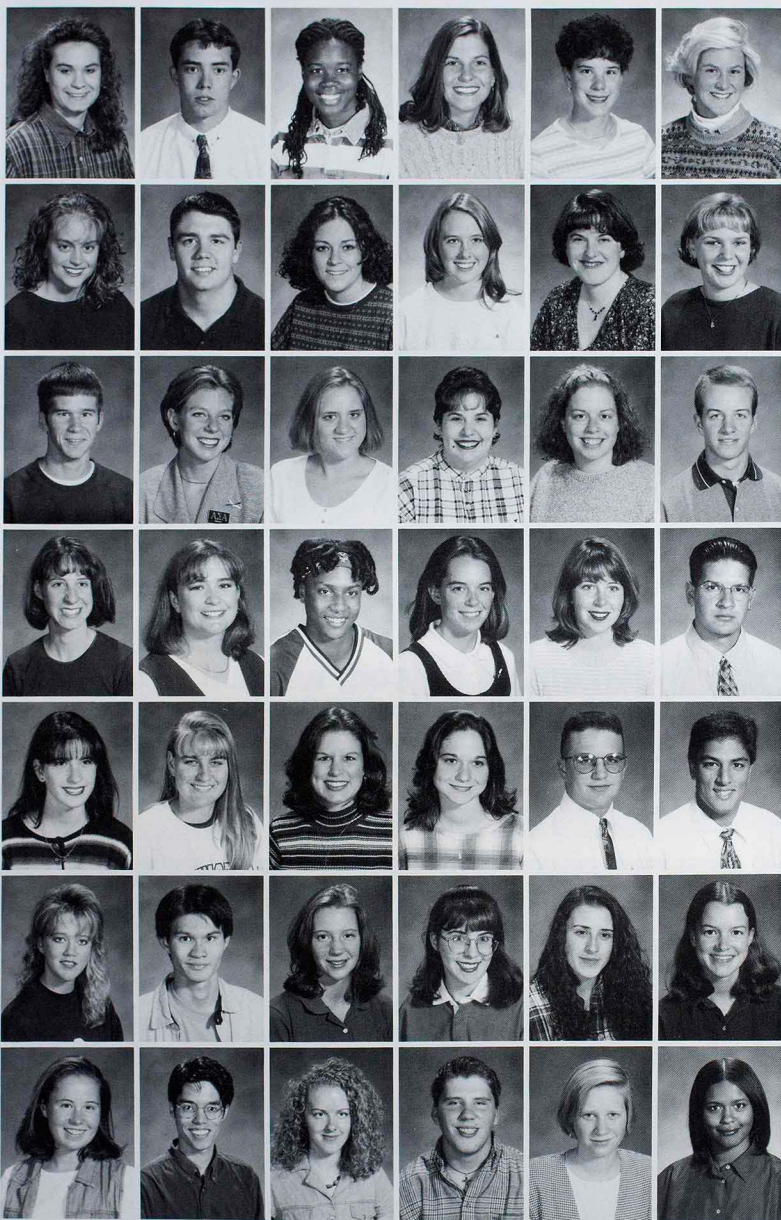


Members of Cardinal Key walk down Franklin Street during the Homecoming parade on Oct. 19. Various organizations participated in the parade. Many hoped to earn points toward winning the Chairman's Cup.

Sigma Tau Gamma and Delta Zeta members parade through Kirksville for Homecoming. The theme for the week was "Famous Firsts." Organizations participated in lip sync, skit and street graffiti competitions. (photos by Hemal Patel)



Sophomores



Amanda Norment
Travis Oglesby
Oluwaseun Orebiyi
Michelle Pattavina
Keslie Patton
Jenn Payne

Victoria Perrey
Craig Perrigo
Kerri Phillips
Christy Pickett
Robin Pillen
Carrie Plocher

Nathan Powderly
Christie Powelson
Alissa Preucil
Theresa Pund
Katherine Riley
Scott Roberts

Renee Robinett
Suzanne Robinson
Jared Rogers
Sara Rogers
Eileen Rueth
Jimmy Ruiz

Nikki Schreiner
Cara Schuette
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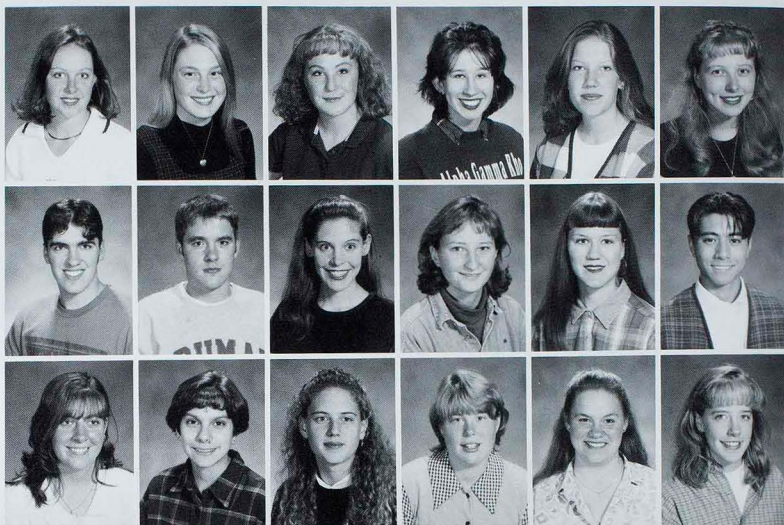
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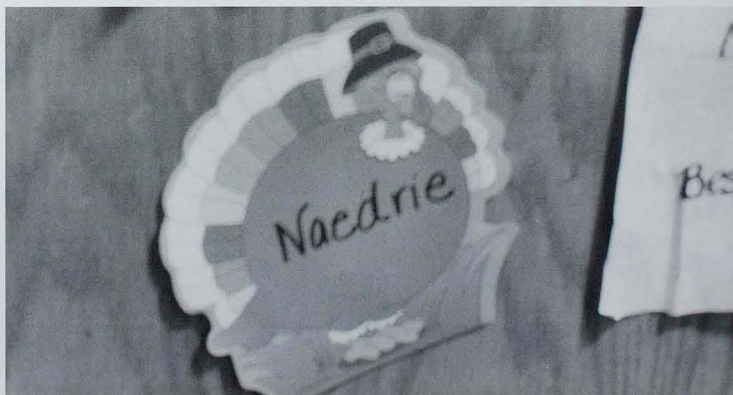
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Ellen Walz
Jennifer Warmann



**"It's a lot easier to remember a good, weird name
than one that's common."
sophomore Giuseppe Giardina**

Freshman Naedrie Olmstead likes having a unique name. Some students draw their unusual names. Others said their names helped make them more memorable.



Joy Wenger
Sarah West
Diane Wiele
Debbie Wilburn
Ryan Wilson
Samantha Wilson

Christopher Wolf
Carrie Woodrum
Shelly Yaeger
Nicole Yanick
Christina Yeager
Holly Young

Melanie Yuracko

Unusual Names

When it came time to create an image, unique names helped some students.

Sophomore Giuseppe Giardina said his name accentuated his image.

"I get noticed and remembered," Giuseppe said. "It's a lot easier to remember a good, weird name than one that's common."

Freshman Naedrie Olmstead said her name prevented her from having to deal with some of the problems people with common names frequently encountered.

"I've never had to deal with having three Naedries in my class," Naedrie said.

Sophomore Summer Blume said sometimes the attention associated with an unusual name was overwhelming.

"I almost expect attention," Summersaid. "During class, when a teacher calls roll for the first time, I know people will turn around to see who has my name."

While unique names achieved instant recognition, it wasn't always a good thing.

"There are times when you want to be anonymous and you can't," junior Meadow Heiman said.

"Sometimes it draws too much attention," Summer said.

Summer said people would make fun of her name, and when the seasons changed, they would ask if they could call her winter, fall or spring. Meadow empathized.

"When I was growing up, a lot of kids called me field," Meadow said. "In high school, I even had a teacher who called me pasture."

Some unusual names had the downfall of constant mispronunciations, which caused a lot of frustration for the students.

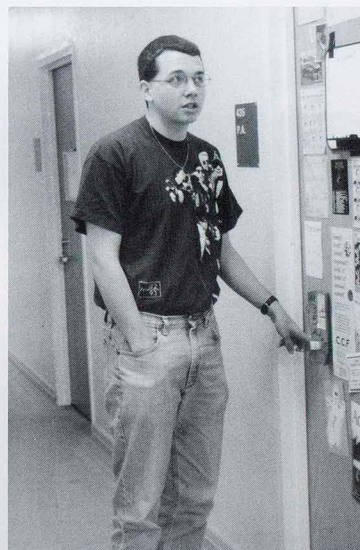
"People can't pronounce it, and when they keep trying, they butcher it," Giuseppe said.

"I can't believe the lack of concern people have for correctly pronouncing my name," Naedrie said.

Having a unique name gave some of the students a new perspective.

"It makes me appreciate things that are unusual," Meadow said. "Having an unusual name has given me a different point of view."

by Catherine Pezold



Junior Steve Young may seem to have a common name, but he shares it with the starting quarterback of the San Francisco 49ers. Truman's Young was seldom mistaken for the quarterback. Young was a Student Adviser in Missouri Hall. (photos by Hemal Patel)

Juniors

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Cassandra Anders
Justin Atkinson
Misty Baker
Melanie Ballanger
Ellen Bartels



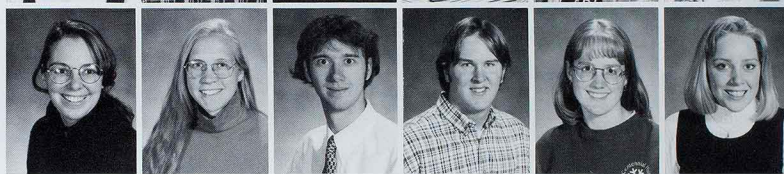
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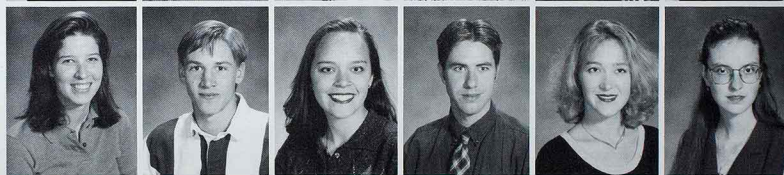
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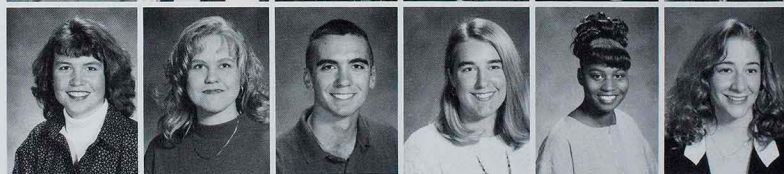
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Bridgette Collins



Maria Conley
Jon Coyle
Tamara Craig
Patrick Cross
Jen Crouther
Amanda Crowell



Michelle Davis
Sheri Delgman
Sammy DeOrnellas
Sarah Detweiler
Antoinette Dismuke
Kelly Dolles



Dakin Dugaw
Melissa Ehm-Pote
Brian Engel
John Ernst
Nickolas Evans
Lynn Evenhouse



Senior Caroline Hernandez answers questions about S.A.L.S.A. during one of Truman's annual visit days for high school seniors. Hernandez helped start two hispanic organizations on campus during her four years at Truman. She was the founder and president of S.A.L.S.A. (photo by Jennifer Brostek)



Sharper Image: Caroline Hernandez

Obtaining a degree in four years was not the only thing senior Caroline Hernandez had in mind. She wanted an organization which spread awareness of her hispanic heritage. That's how Social Active Latino Service Association (S.A.L.S.A.) got its start.

"It was a challenge I'm definitely glad I did," she said. "I've matured, and I'm more involved in campus overall."

As founder and president of S.A.L.S.A., Hernandez saw the membership increase from seven initial members to over 30 active members.

For Hernandez, S.A.L.S.A. was just the beginning. She later discovered a social sorority with hispanics while attending a conference. It was Sigma Lambda Gamma's simple motto: "culture is pride, and pride is success," that caught her eye. She began working to establish a chapter of Sigma Lambda Gamma at Truman State University.

Truman's Sigma Lambda Gamma was inducted as a colony

on Jan. 26. It was the first colony of the sorority in the state of Missouri. A hispanic fraternity was also founded at Truman.

"I admired them in every capacity," she said. "It served a specific interest that I was looking for."

Hernandez was also chair of the eighth annual Hispanic of Today conference.

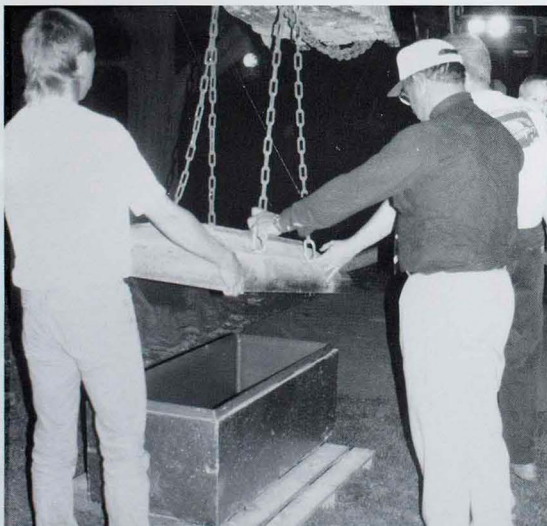
"This is a major event for us, and I am proud that Truman will be hosting this," she said. "Over 75 organizations have been invited to attend this conference."

As she prepared to end her career at Truman, Hernandez looked back with pride.

"It's exciting to know that when I came here there were no hispanic organizations, and now that I am leaving there are three active ones," she said.

"Truman has the largest hispanic organization representation on campus in the state. I am glad that I was part of this feat. I will leave knowing that I succeeded in gaining the whole college experience."

by Paul Sager



Senior Kathy Noll and junior Danny Rotert fill the time capsule during the Homecoming celebration. Truman organizations were invited to add a memento from their organization. The time capsule was to remain buried for 50 years. (photo by Hemal Patel)

Preparations are made in order to bury a time capsule of Truman memories. Students were on hand to watch the ceremony during Homecoming. This helped celebrate the first homecoming under the new name. (photo by Hemal Patel)

Staying on Beat

Visually appealing as well as pleasing to the ear, the drumline had many rewards for its hard-working members.

"After all the work they put in, we try to have them perform for audiences," said Director Mike Hooley, assistant professor of music.

Perhaps the most watched performances were during halftime of the many football games. The line was a regular feature of the show. One game the drumline performed solo.

The drumline also competed in several marching forums and competitions. One of the most important for the year was held in Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 21-22. The Percussive Arts Society Marching forum was a national competition in which the drumline faced several larger competitors. The members used their abilities to place the drumline ninth out of the 19 drumlines competing in the overall standings.

The drumline had 32 members. Hooley said this number was a little lower than in past years, but the quality of people was high.

Individual sections within the drumline competed separately. The cymbal section was awarded the Best Overall Cymbal Line.

"It's a close section because of all the practice," senior Mary Ellen Delsing said.

Not only was the cymbal line close, the drumline as a whole was a close-knit group. Each new member was given a nickname during Freshman Week by upperclassmen.

"It's like a secret ceremony," sophomore Jim Elder said.

Hooley said only six of the 32 members were actually music majors. Others joined for the enjoyment of music. Elder, a business major, said he played because he enjoyed the competition.

"You like being there," Elder said. "I like what I do."

by Christina Paulsell

Senior Jon Hermach performs as part of the drumline in Baldwin Auditorium. On Nov. 19, the drumline held a recital featuring the music of Frank Zappa. Over 500 people attended the recital.

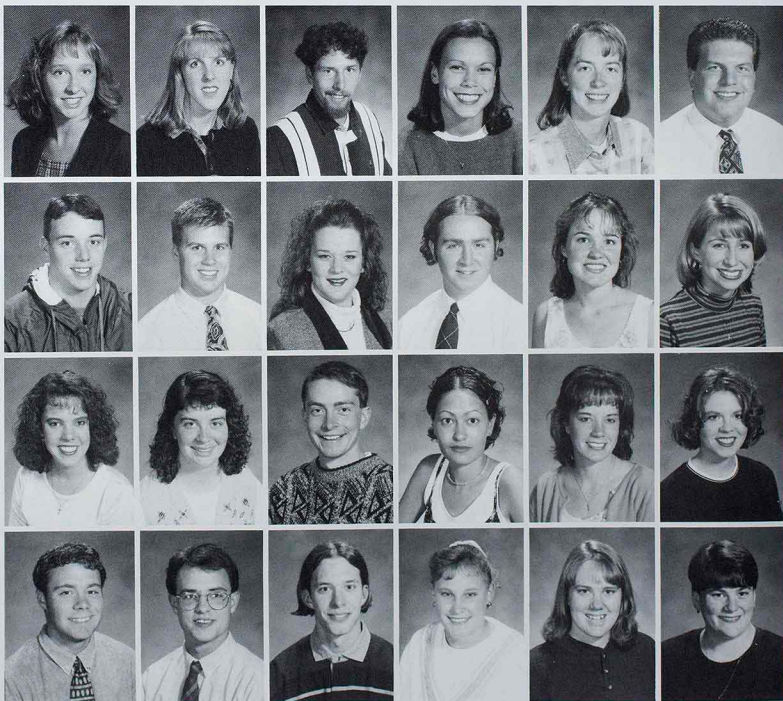


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Courtney Folino
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James Fraccacio

Clifford Frasher
James Matthew Freer
Tara Fuller
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Kathleen Gawronski
Adrienne Gerke

Ginger Gill
Molly Gillespie
Philip Goering
Geni Goetze
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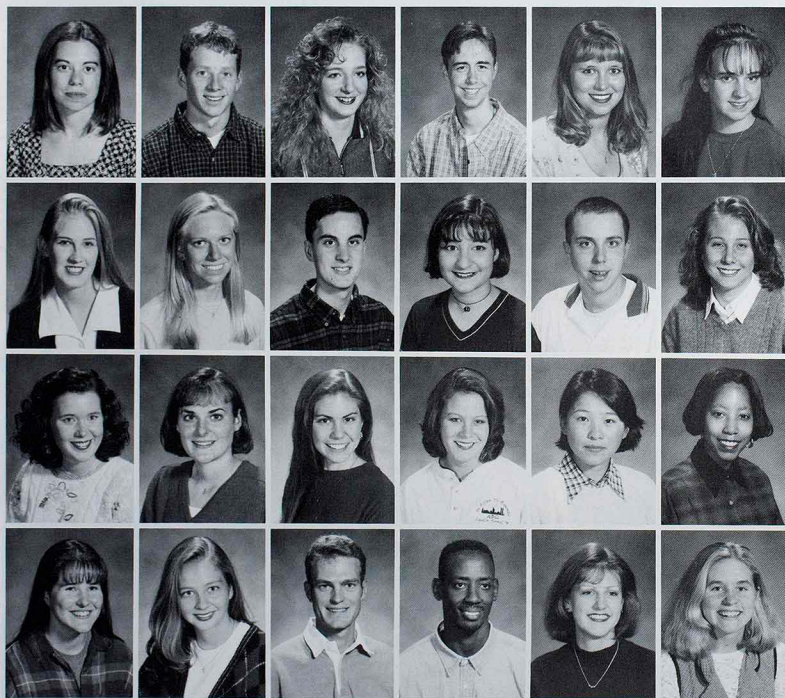
Juniors



Seniors Angela Rogers, Rachel Morgan and Courtney Iversen warm up at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Nashville, Tenn. The convention was Nov. 21-22. The drumline placed ninth out of the 19 competing drumlines. (photos by Mary Ziegler)

"After all the work they put in, we try to have them perform for audiences."

Mike Hooley, assistant professor of music



Shiloh Hale
Brandon Hamm
Melissa Hanthorn
Nathan Hardesty
Holly Harnes
Sara Harshaw

Carrie Hartung
Stacy Hawkins
Damon Hays
Aimee Hellweg
Jason Herbig
Stacey Hildebrandt

Joan Hildmann
Caroline Horn
Gerilyn Hoven
Patricia Hutchison
Megumi Ichimura
Lisa Irby

Amy Jones
Carrie Jorgenson
Philip Jorn
Joseph Kalimba
Elizabeth Kelemen
Elizabeth Kelly

Juniors

Sharper Image: Jim Barnes

Jim Barnes, Truman's Writer-in-Residence, didn't like to write.

"I don't like to write," Barnes said. "I like having written."

Barnes was hired as a professor of comparative literature in 1970. His work in writing poetry, short stories, non-fiction, essays and translations earned him the title of Writer-in-Residence in 1994.

Barnes had eight books of poetry, a critical work and an autobiography published. He decided on his career at the age of 25, after he chose writing over acting.

"I didn't know what I wanted to do until junior or senior year," Barnes said. "I knew it would be difficult to make a living as an actor or writer."

His career as a teacher helped Barnes' writing. He said the two blended together well.

"One fuels the other," he said. "If I weren't a university prof, I don't think I'd be able to write with any consistency at all."

Barnes said he read voraciously and that reading everyday was im-

portant in improving one's writing.

Barnes' poetry concentrated on Native American imagery due to his Choctaw ancestry, but he wrote on any subject he chose.

"To me, it's not the subject that makes the art," Barnes said. "It's the form that's interesting—all the internal stuff that allows the subject to become what it is."

Barnes said he believed in perspiration, not inspiration. He also did not buy into the theory that some people are inspired poets.

"[Poetry today] angers me," Barnes said. "Editors don't have the taste to differentiate between art and artiness. Most poetry written today is junk. They're paragraphs of short stories that shouldn't have been written in the first place."

It was possible the writer wrote despite himself. The Writer-in-Residence at Truman didn't like to write, nor did he write every day. He must have been doing something right.

by Adam Potthast

Jim Barnes, professor of comparative literature, spends his 27th year at Truman. As a Writer-in-Residence, Barnes published a critical work, an autobiography and eight books of poetry which concentrated on Native American imagery. In addition to his published works, Barnes gave poetry readings in five other countries.

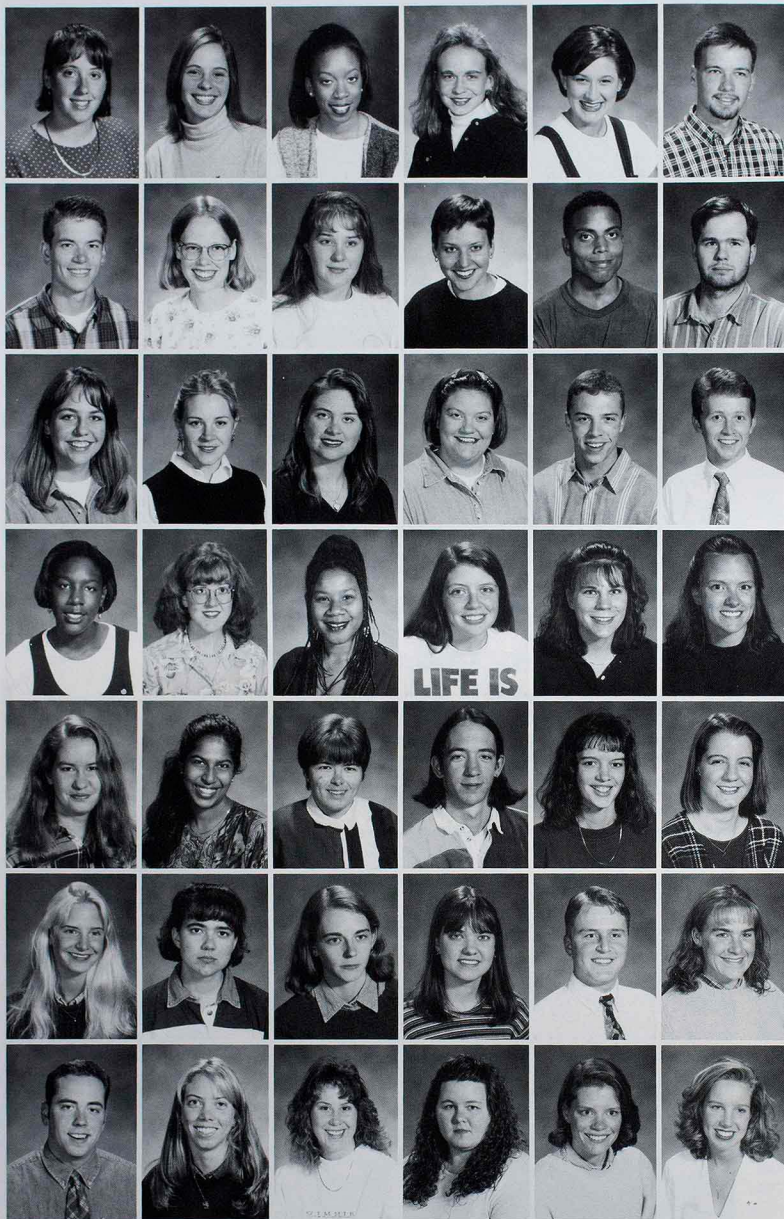


Freshmen Diana Roshek and Laura Westhoff, senior Suzzie Huff and freshman Barb Schroeder enjoy the music at the Ryle/Dobson spring formal. The formal took place at Days Inn on Feb. 8. Over 200 tickets were sold for the annual event.

Junior Sally Lucas and sophomore Josh Johnston tango on the dance floor. Ryle, Dobson and Grim residents seized the opportunity to dress up and have a night out. Residents could also bring guests from other residence halls. (photos by Cheri Heiser)



Juniors



Susan Kehoe
Megan Kesterson
Elaine King
Jennifer Kirchner
Monica Knapp
Patrick Kozemski

Frank Kremer
Laura Krom
Sara Kukuczka
Sarah Kuntz
Theophilus Lacey
Jason Lamping

Sara Lieb
Sara Loveless
Sarah Lucas
Elizabeth Luebbers
Scott Maschmann
Kurt Mason

Jennifer McDavid
Shannon McMillin
Brandi McNeal
Liza Mendenhall
Melissa Merideth
Elizabeth Merkel

Janette Mialkowski
Samila Mihindukulasuri
Amanda Mincemeyer
John Adam Mitchell
Stephanie Moffett
Heather Morgan

Jacque Morgan
Jamie Morgan
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Kimberly Oelschlaeger

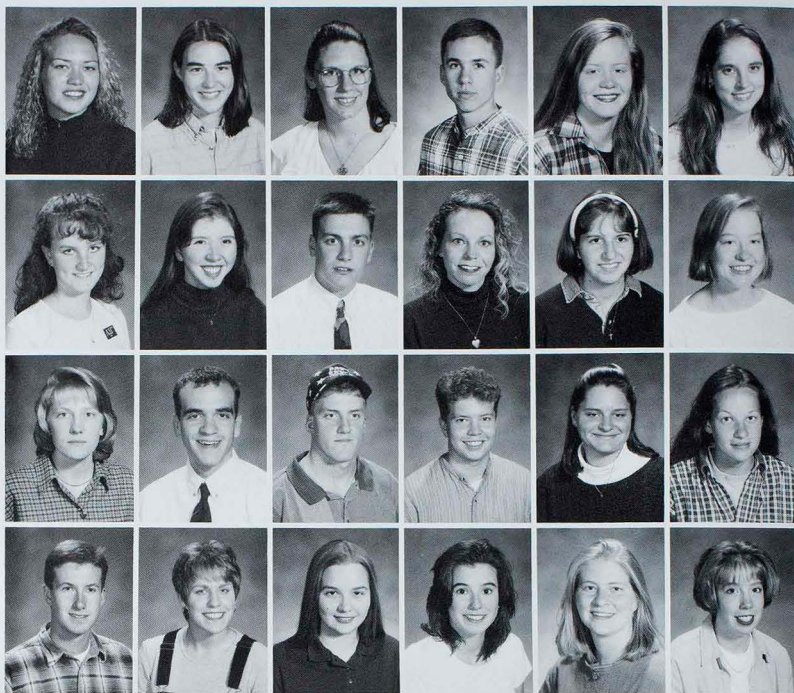
Juniors

Karrie Ostroski
Jennifer Padberg
Beth Passini
Jeff Pauls
Christina Paulsell
Bethany Pendino

Amy Peterson
Catherine Pezold
Matthias Phillips
Debbie Pickering
Carolyn Pihir
Amy Piper

Kimberly Pogue
Aaron Popp
Curtis Pote
Adam Potthast
Valerie Radek
Erika Rathburn

Lance Real
Paige Riggenschach
Christine Robben
Lisa Roberts
Michelle Rohrer
Sarah Roll



**"You can go to any city and get a job
tending bar."
senior Rob Adamec**

Senior Jim Buckner shakes a drink while working as a bartender at Ryan's Sports Bar and Grill. Students could be found working in every bar in Kirksville. Most student bartenders agreed they drank less because of the effects of alcohol they saw on the job.



Juniors

Danny Rotert
Dmitry Rozhetskin
Julie Rupp
Shelly Russell
Amy Sanders
John Sanders

Charlene Schambach
Susan Senger
Nicole Sergott
Matthew Seydel
Timothy Siebe
Missy Sieren

Jason Simmons
Takara Singleton
Erin Smith
Tracy Snider
Jill Snitker
Emily Steffans

Brandon Stewart
Christine Stone
Matthew Strayhorn
Catherine Streitmatter
Jennifer Sutterer
Michiko Suzuki

Tending to the Job

Every bar across the nation shared one thing in common: a bartender.

Kirksville had its own breed of drink-slingers, many of them Truman students. Students worked to earn extra cash, but some found fringe benefits to the position.

"You can do this job anywhere," said senior Rob Adamec, bartender at Minn's Cuisine. "It's a universal position. You can go to any city and get a job tending bar."

In the social setting of a bar, a bartender had the perfect opportunity to hone his or her parlance techniques to perfection.

"This (bartending) is a fun job," said T.P. Fowler, owner of T.P.'s Office. "The bartenders get to meet a lot of people and find out what parties are going on where. It's college people serving college people."

Senior Melanie Ballance, bartender at T.P.'s Office, agreed.

"I have waitressed before and this job is so much more fun, and it's so laid back," Ballance said.

The job wasn't always fun. There were the

nights when the patron in the corner got a little too loud and they had to ask him to leave. Another problem was when there wasn't any business at all, so the tip jar didn't fill up. The biggest problem the students faced was the hours the bars kept.

"Sometimes the late nights get to be a hassle, especially if you have a big assignment due or a test the next day," senior Blake Farrill, a Bogie's bartender, said.

"If you work more than two nights a week, it gets too long," Adamec said.

Despite the direct correlation between bartenders and alcohol, the bartenders agreed they didn't drink as much as other students.

"I drink less because, as a bartender, you are usually working on the nights when all of your friends go out," Farrill said.

Ballance said she was deterred from drinking because she saw the effects of alcohol.

"It's funny to watch all the drunk people," Ballance said. "I just look at them and think 'Oh my God, please don't let me do that.'"

by Matthew Grimes



Senior Bridget Scheve makes a mixed drink at the DuKum Inn. Student bartenders said the worst part of the job was working late hours. Bars in Kirksville closed at 1:30 a.m. (photos by Laura Hoechst)

Juniors

Jennifer Tadsen
Erin Taylor
Lisa Tornabeni
Julie Umscheid
Kimberly Urish-Runyon
Michael Watson Jr.



Natalie Whitten
Meredith Wiecher
Thomas Williams
Deena Wiss
June Wright
Eric Yates



Sarah Zapf
Anne Marie Zimmerman
Laura Zyk



What the Juniors Say

**How many times
have you switched
your major?**

"I've only actually declared twice, but I've probably changed my mind four times."
Amanda Polking, justice systems

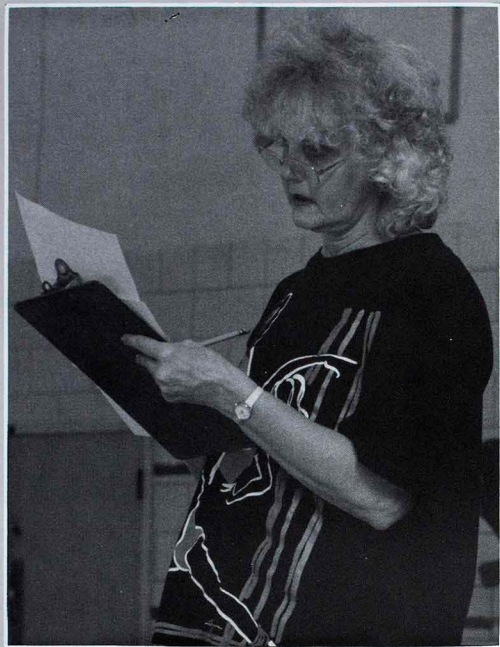
**How long did it
take to declare your
major?**

"I had one when I came in, and I changed it at the end of my sophomore year."
Melissa Cahill, communication disorders (pre-special education)

**Have you put off
taking your core
classes?**

"No, not really. I transferred in quite a bit of my core from a community college."
Kyle Radue, computer science/mathematics

Regina Lindhorst, professor of health and exercise science, evaluates students as they perform dance routines. Lindhorst's Ballroom Dancing students learned the swing, waltz and tango. In past years, Lindhorst also taught disco classes.



Sharper Image: Regina Lindhorst

She saw as many changes at Truman as anyone, and she kept on dancing.

Regina Lindhorst, professor of health and exercise science, started teaching in 1964 when Truman was known as Northeast Missouri State Teachers College. She since taught students from all majors how to swing, tango, country line dance and waltz.

Lindhorst taught three types of dance classes: performing, recreational and analysis of aerobics.

"I like the variety of the classes I offer, but the main thing is the chemistry in class," Lindhorst said. "Some classes will click and others will not."

Lindhorst received her dance training at an early age because her sister had a dance studio and needed her to dance with the boys.

"I learned tap at a young age," she said. "My sister loved ballet, but I didn't care for it that much. My main focus was creative dance."

After graduating from Northeast Missouri State Teachers Col-

lege she entered graduate work at the University of Wisconsin.

"I did my graduate work in creative dance," she said. "Then I got a call from the school to come and teach, and I have been here ever since."

In the 33 years Lindhorst taught at Truman, dance fads came and went.

In the late 1970s and early 1980s Lindhorst said she had three overcrowded disco classes.

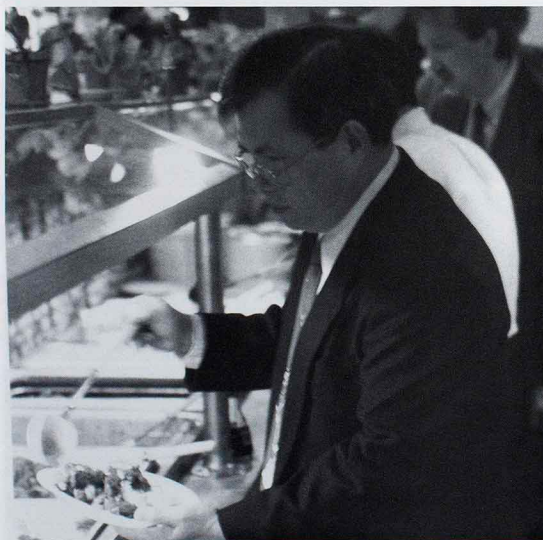
"I go with the times," she said. "People like to dance, and they want to learn things that are part of their education."

Since the early 1980s Lindhorst has taught a social and country line dance class.

"It gives people a chance to take a change of pace and relax," she said. "It helps them develop social skills and clear their mental paths."

"Dancing is a wonderful recreation. It's a fun activity to get out and do. Performing arts are a necessary part of people's living."

by Paul Sager



Senior Zoey Chen and junior Laura Krom wait for the buffet to open at Minn's Tea House. Students celebrated the Chinese New Year on Feb. 9. The restaurant was decorated with traditional Chinese firecrackers.

Chinese Student Organization adviser Jason Lin samples food from the buffet. The Chinese New Year was also called the Year of the Ox. Entertainment included Chinese riddles and traditional music. (photos by Cheri Heiser)

Hidden Identities

The Chicago Bulls had Benny, San Diego had the Chicken and Truman had Spike and Simone.

The bulldogs known as Spike and Simone were Truman's mascots. The exact origin of Truman's canine friends was unknown, but rumor had it that years ago a Truman fraternity used to bring their bulldog, Spike, to all of Truman's home games. The dog passed away, but his memory lived on at Truman's basketball and football games.

Often, the cheerleaders helped to find potential mascots.

Junior Dave Gragg lived with one of those cheerleaders. After hearing about their need for a full-time Spike, he said he would give it a try.

"It was a lot of fun," Gragg said.

At the beginning, Gragg was anonymous.

"When I first started doing it, very few people knew it was me in the costume," Gragg said.

As the amount of games he did increased, word got out about Spike's real identity.

"When people realize it's someone they know [in the costume], they tend to mess with you more," Gragg said. "It also affects how you act."

Gragg said he had to become a new person when he stepped into the Spike costume. He had to throw out anything that held him back from being the best Spike he could be. Most importantly, he could not worry what people thought of him.

"The only way you can look stupid is if you're worried about looking stupid," Gragg said.

Gragg said he had to just have fun with it. The more fun he was having, the more the crowd enjoyed it.

"It's great having the two dogs there," said Phil Kreutz, cheerleader and bulldog lover.

Spike and Simone were always counted on to bring a smile to the fans. And while there were fans, out on the game field dancing, a bulldog named Spike was smiling.

by Mike Novak

Junior Dave Gragg and alumna Heather Auckly provide the energy as Truman mascots Spike and Simone. The mascots often danced with the pep band. The mascots cheered at Truman basketball and football games.

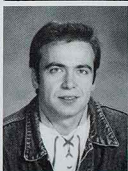


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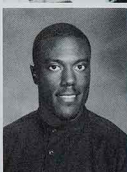
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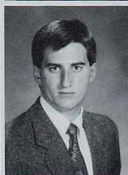
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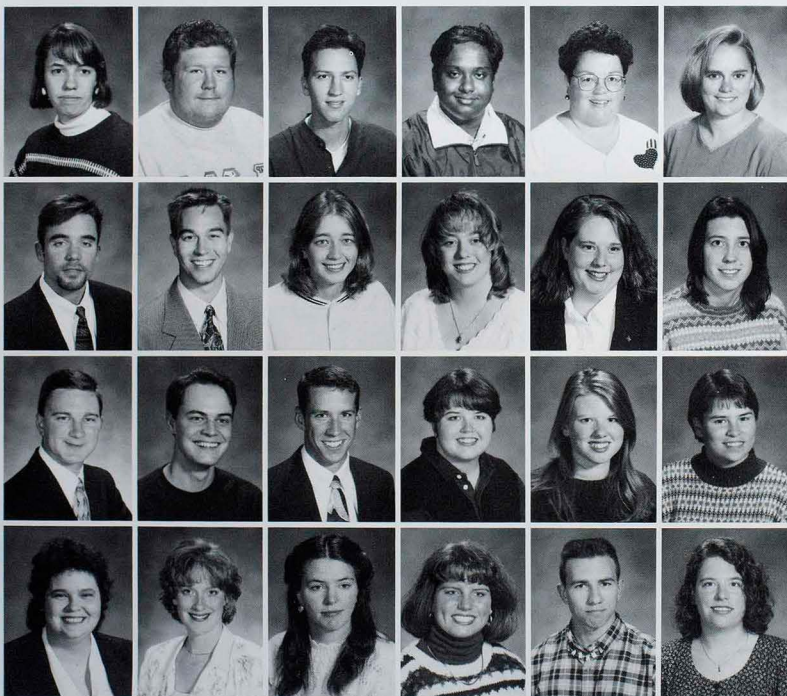
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Lisa Becker
Susan Beeler
Elizabeth Belval





Mike Chanslor, assistant professor of communication, introduces his children to one of Truman's mascots, Spike, on Family Day. Mascots, Spike and his friend Simone, appeared at various functions other than athletic events. The mascots kept the fans cheering. (photos submitted)

**"When people realize it's someone they know [in the costume], they tend to mess with you more."
junior Dave Gragg**



Amy Benoist
William Bequette
Joshua Berry
Shapath Bhatta
Shari Bibbs
Jennifer Bierbaum

Mike Biswell
Timothy Bohnert
JoEllen Borgos
Angela Bowers
Marlene Bowlin
Marcy Boyd

Christopher Bradley
Cale Branson
Jason Bridwell
Tonya Brooks
Jennifer Brostek
Christy Brown

Cynthia Brown
Rebecca Brugmann
Terrie Burch
Angela Burton
Nathaneal Byrnes
Katherine Campbell

Seniors

Sharper Image: Colleen Meyer

Senior Colleen Meyer's life changed when she decided not to take Health and Wellness.

As a freshman, she opted to take Introduction to Military Science because the course description emphasized basic leadership skills. Meyer proved she mastered the objectives of the course.

Three years later, Meyer was selected the most outstanding ROTC cadet senior at Truman and received the George C. Marshall ROTC award at a national seminar in Lexington, Va. She was selected based on her cumulative grade point average, leadership skills and extracurricular activities.

After graduating with a degree in biology in August, Meyer planned to begin her career in the military with the medical service corps. She was commissioned into the U.S. Army with the goal to someday become a medical platoon leader.

Meyer received hands-on experience with the position when she completed an internship in the summer

of 1996. She shadowed a platoon lieutenant for three weeks and decided she wanted to be on the field rather than in graduate school.

"I learned there is more to medical service corps than being in a hospital," Meyer said.

Meyer treasured her years in ROTC because it made her stronger and more decisive.

"It has taught me I am capable of doing what I never thought possible of doing," she said.

One of the ways she proved herself capable was through her leadership abilities. Meyer was captain of the Ranger Challenge Team which placed second out of 19 teams from Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas in the brigade competition. She said she was proud to be the only female captain at the event.

ROTC was not the only part of Meyer's college experience. She was also involved in Sigma Chi Delta social sorority and was a Campus Activities Leader and KOMC volunteer.

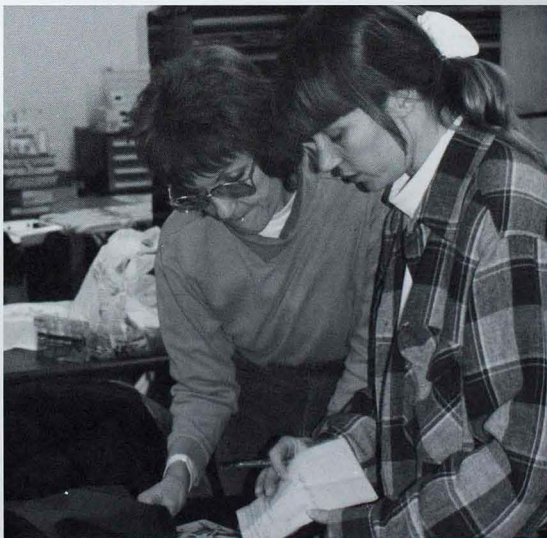
by Jennifer Odefey

Senior Colleen Meyer referees a skills game during her military science class. Meyer was the captain of the Ranger Challenge Team. As the only female captain out of 19 teams represented at a tri-state competition, she led her team to second place in the brigade competition. (photo by Laura Hoechst)

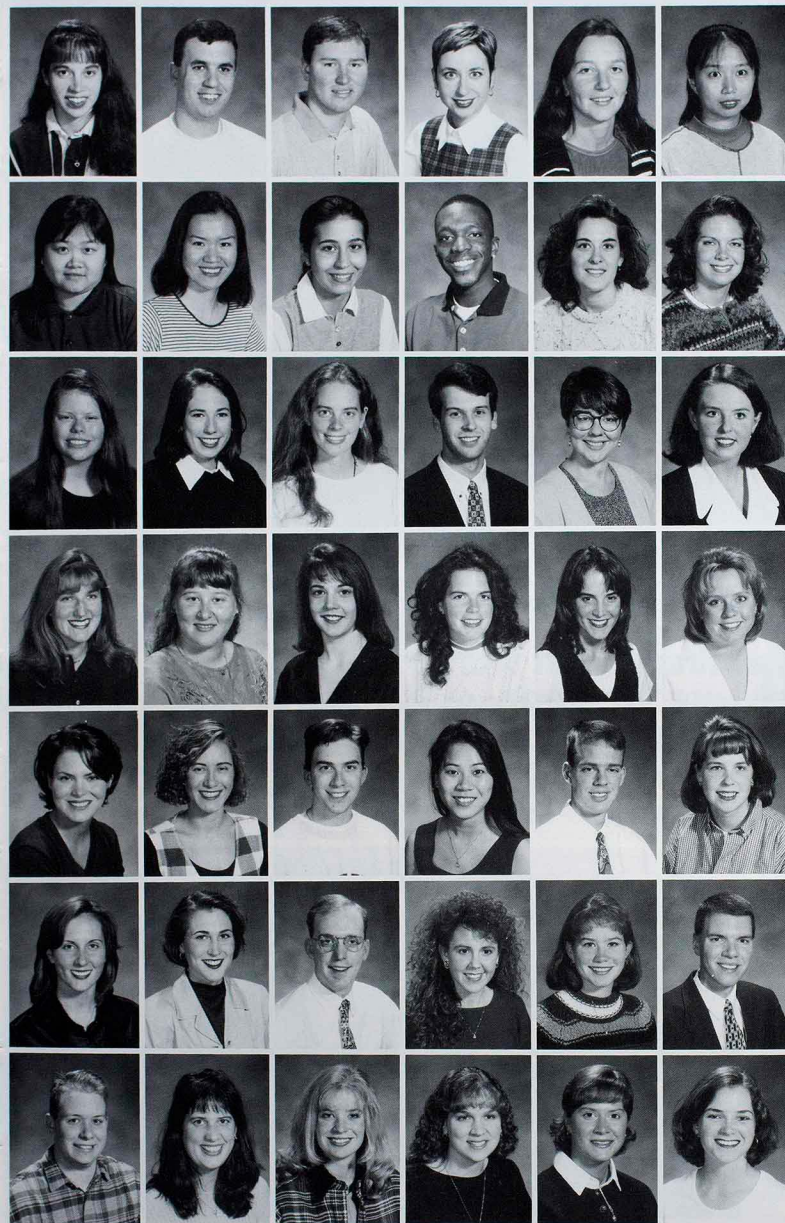


Bess Wellner, Jill Sager, Marney Tope and senior Paul Sager work together as a family to design a quilt panel. The panels were added to the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt which was displayed in Kirksville March 20-23. Each panel was designed to be the size of a grave. (photo by Hemal Patel)

Kirksville residents Yvonne Hartsock and Annette Franklin take measurements for their AIDS quilt square. Lifestyle Advocacy Program and Prism sponsored the panel-making workshop Feb. 22. All of the panels designed were dedicated during the AIDS national quilt display in Kirksville. (photo by Hemal Patel)



Seniors



Janice Capes
Gary Carmichael
Michael Cavato
Sara Chabino
Maryline Chedal-Anglay
Tzu-Chun Chen

Su-Chun Chi
Shao-Ching Chou
Sophie Clavelier
Kenneth Compton
Ranessa Cooper
Lori Cox

Stephanie Curtis
Sara Dabrowski
Liza Dalecki
Robert Davidson
Bethany Dean
Amy Michelle DeBaets

Mary Ellen Delsing
Kimberly Dembinski
Lara DeNatale
Brandi Dennis
Sarah Derks
Diana DeSmidt

Holly Devenport
Karinsa Dieckmann
Eric Disney
Kathy Doan
Keith Doane
Joanne Doherty

Jennifer Dolphino
Emily Dombek
Ryan Donovan
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Robert Dowil

Brian Drake
Theresa Duffy
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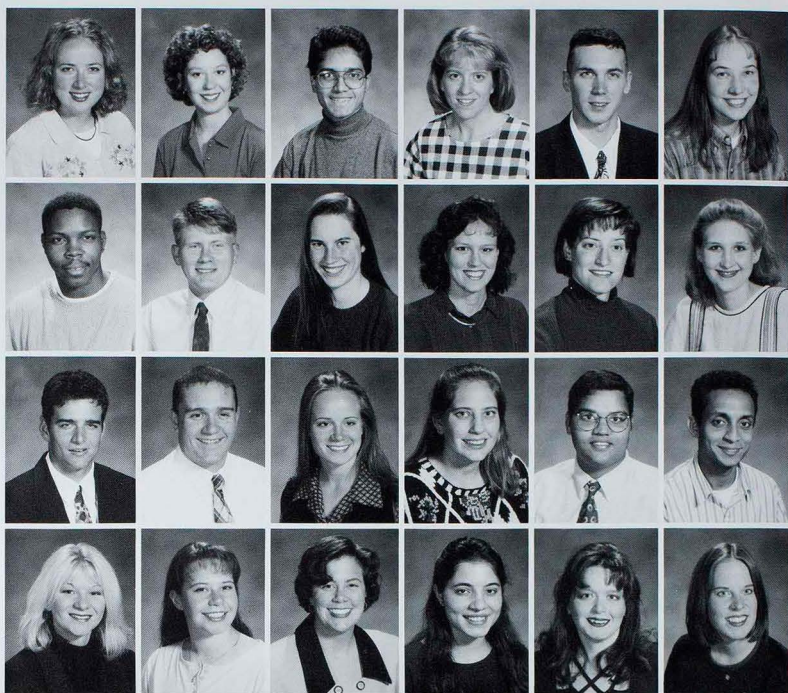
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Tyrone Fernando
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Charles Figas
Marcia Filipowicz

Roy Finney
Kyle Fischer
Kathleen Flynn
Kathleen Forck
Leah Frey
Barbra Frietsch

Ryan Fritsch
Jason Fritz
Amy Gallop
Charlene Garrison
Sri Ghanta
Ranjan Ghosh

Gina Giesler
Shawwna Gillette
Maggie Glenney
Alexandra Glynias
Jennifer Gorman
Megan Goter



"On the weekend I just want to do my wash, grade papers, use the library at MU and see my family." Karon Speckman, assistant professor of communication

Karon Speckman, assistant professor of communication, prepares for her weekend commute. Speckman's family permanently lived in Columbia because her husband worked there. She used the weekends to catch up with her family.



Seniors

Jason Gower
Shelly Grail
Wendy Gray
Mathew Green
Candice Greer
Lynette Greunke

Katherine Hardy
Melanie Hare
Jennifer Harlin
Bobbi Hart
Kelli Hauser
Melanie Hedges

Rachel Heidbreder
Beata Helton
Jennifer Heppie
Caroline Hernandez
Dena Higbee
Calile Himes

Tracie Hitz
Danielle Hoff
Carrie Holbo
Kimberly Honey
Liz Hopkins
Christina Hotger

Home Away from Home

Some Truman professors were road warriors, all in the line of duty.

These were the teachers who lived away from their families to work at the University. Karon Speckman, assistant professor of communication, was one of the professors who only temporarily lived in Kirksville. Speckman started teaching at Truman in 1996, but her family lived in Columbia. Speckman said her weekends were always filled with work.

"On the weekend I just want to do my wash, grade papers, use the library at MU and see my family," Speckman said.

Speckman made the trip to Kirksville on Sunday evenings or Monday mornings and drove home on Friday afternoons.

Linnea Ratcliff, professor of communication, related.

Ratcliff's husband worked in Jefferson City, and they had one son who was married. The Ratcliffs used to live in Kirksville until her husband got a job in Jefferson City. They decided it would be best to make their per-

manent home there.

"I think anytime you have two careers in a family, it is very difficult, and you have to try as much as you can to get as close as you can, but sometimes you do make sacrifices in order to maintain that," Ratcliff said.

For Patricia Montalbano, assistant professor of English, the distance from home was a lot farther. Her husband lived in Milwaukee, so she only made it home about once a month.

"We've been married for four and a half years, and to go from living every single day with the same person and not to see that person in your everyday life, I feel like I am back at college," Montalbano said. "That is the roughest thing. And the phone bill, we talk pretty much every night."

Truman students reaped the benefits of the professor's sacrifices. For the professors, this made all the hard work and travelling worth it.

"You can not have it all," Speckman said.

by Kristen Estes



Linnea Ratcliff, professor of communication, gets ready for a night alone. Professors who lived away from their families adjusted to the quiet weeks alone. Ratcliff scheduled her classes on Tuesday and Thursday so she could have Friday to drive home. (photos by Cheri Heiser)

Seniors

Kevin Hough
Cassandra Howze
Rebecca Huber
Suzzie Huff
David Hunsaker
Todd Hunt



Alicia Hyland
Hironobu Ichihara
Kaori Iida
Cindy Irvine
Derek Jackson
Fresa Jacobs



Kelly Johns
Derrick Johnson
Jill Johnson
Melissa Johnson
Shannon Johnson
Staci Johnson



Sandrine Joinis
Lana Jozwiak
Katherine Karagiannis
Mersedeh Karimian
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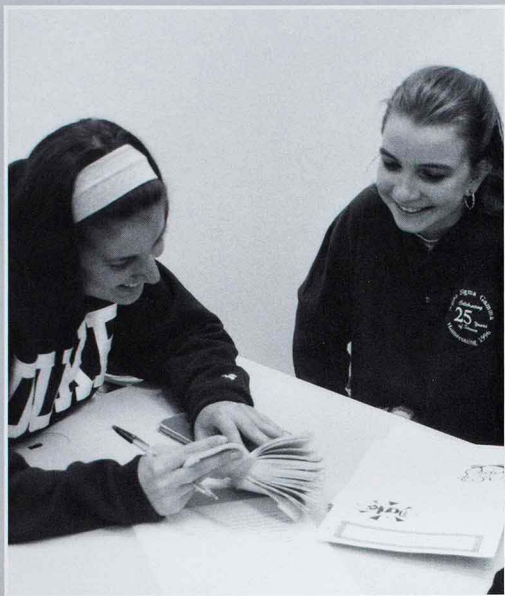
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Matthew Krob
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Mary Lagermann
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Sophie Lechartier
Yu-San Lee



Senior Kathy Allen helps sophomore Mary Johnston with her French vocabulary. Allen's tutor position at Truman helped her decide on a career in education. She planned to begin her career with a teaching position in France during the 1997-98 academic year.



Sharper Image: Kathy Allen

For senior Kathy Allen, it all began when she went to see the French film "Au Revoir Les Enfants" with her older sister.

At the ripe age of 12, she fell in love with the French language. Thus began her life as an aficionado of French films and a student of the language and culture.

Ten years later, as she prepared to graduate from Truman, Allen looked forward to a year in France.

Allen was chosen as a participant in the French Government Teaching Assistantship. She planned to leave for France in the summer of 1997 to teach English to French high school students.

"I never could afford to study abroad, so this job was the best thing that could have happened," Allen said.

Allensaid she would earn a small salary while in France, enough to live on, "but nothing great." French students who participated in the program spent a year teaching

French at Truman and earned their master's degree in English at the same time. Allen said this made it a better deal for the French students, because they could work toward their own degree while teaching.

Allen said the program began over 20 years ago, and her adviser, Gregg Siewert, associate professor of French, was a participant while he was a student.

After her time in France, Allen planned to return to St. Louis and earn her master's degree in French from St. Louis University. She hoped to eventually teach French at the high school level.

While at Truman, Allen worked as a French tutor, which helped her make her decision to teach.

"You learn if you're patient or not and if you can explain things or not and whether you like it or not," she said. And like the 12-year-old hearing French for the first time, Allen liked it.

by Kelli Hauser



Junior Liz Bolian, senior Jessica Orf and sophomore Emily Jentes participate in Alpha Sigma Gamma's Tag Days. Members of the service sorority collected money for Jerry's Kids. The sorority collected \$600 for the charity.

Senior Jessica Orf collects money for muscular dystrophy outside of Hy-Vee Food & Drug Store for Alpha Sigma Gamma Tag Days. ASG collected money outside various Kirksville businesses. The charity drive took place March 15-17. (photos by Hemal Patel)

Back to the Playground

Some students got paid just for playing with kids.

The Child Development Center employed 49 students to work for scholarship hours, institutional pay or work study. Although they were employed by the University, students agreed their time at the CDC felt far away from campus.

Director Julie Seeley said she looked for students with experience with children. Their duties ranged from coordinating with the full-time teachers in group time to just playing with the kids.

Junior Christine Carlson worked at the CDC over the summer and during the school year. She wanted the job because she loved children and planned an education career.

Senior David Rausch worked at the CDC for his second year. He worked at summer camps in the past and found he enjoyed working with children. When he needed to find a scholarship job, he thought playing with kids would be more fun and more fulfilling than working in an office.

"My biggest job is to show kids there are people who love them," Rausch said.

As one of the few males at the CDC, Rausch felt he was a positive role model.

Seeley said students were different when they entered the building. She said the student workers were in a good mood and able to relax when they were around the children.

"The students contribute a lot of energy," Seeley said.

As Carlson filled the role of a student teacher, she also learned from the children.

"They help me put life into perspective," Carlson said. "I realize my problems are not so important."

Carlson said she could just forget everything for a few hours a week and become a kid again herself. She found it difficult to feel the stress of academics while involved in a game of duck, duck, goose.

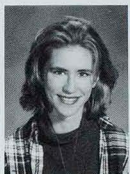
"You remove yourself from the world," Carlson said.

by Jennifer Odefey

Senior Jen Heppe gives a reassuring hug to her charge after an afternoon climb on the jungle gym. The Child Development Center had a full playground where the children enjoyed the fresh air. The students and children established a deep bond.



Kristi Lenhardt
Heather Leslie
John Levesque
Denise Lewis
Chia Yu Lin
Beth Lock



Julie Lorentz
Michelle Lozano
Michelle Lockett
Andrew Lutz
Christopher Marstall
Shauna Masters



Angela Mathis
Megan McBride
Cynthia McCabe
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Kathleen McDuffie
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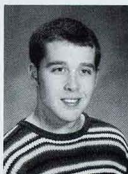
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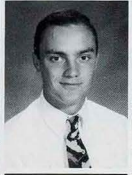
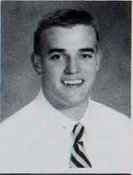
Sophomore Amanda Cox and junior Amanda Stienecker provide a helping hand. Students enjoyed the relaxing atmosphere of the Child Development Center. The children helped the students see the brighter side of life. (photos by Hemal Patel)

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Seniors



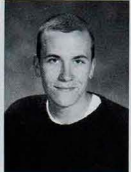
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Juanita Myles
Jason Naber
Rebecca Neuman
Christine Nickels
Amanda Niemietz
Katherine Noll



Elizabeth Norby
Jennifer Norton
Michael Nortrup
Mindy Norwood
Mary Ellen Novinger
Janet O'Neal

She worked behind the scenes for four different presidents.

Traci Hill, executive secretary to the president, saw a lot of the University from the inside out since she graduated from Truman in 1983.

Hill saw paperwork from just about every aspect of campus cross her desk at some point.

"I see all of the information that comes into the office," Hill said. "I also see all of the information as it comes out."

Although her main job was managing the office, Hill said her job was far from boring.

She was responsible for handling visitors to the University, including the members of the Board of Governors.

Hill took care of the needs of board members, from buying them pantyhose to scheduling tee times.

She said every president she worked for had unique charac-

teristics he brought to the office. Hill picked up positive traits from each.

"I have a strong work ethic," Hill said. "I got that from President McClain."

President Jack Magruder was very personal in his way of dealing with people. He sent out 2,000 Christmas cards and wrote a personal message in each one, Hill said. Although he was close to his staff, Magruder still earned their utmost respect.

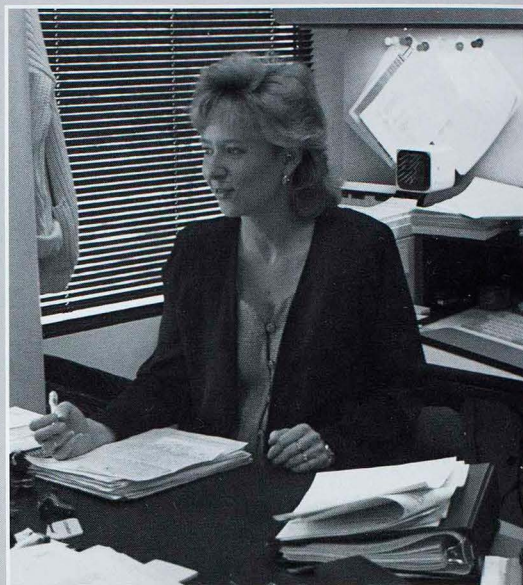
"When he was vice president I called him Jack, but once he took over this job, I started calling him President Magruder," Hill said.

She had to deal with some of the biggest complaints and problems of the University. Hill often answered phone calls from upset parents and alumni.

Despite all the responsibilities her work entailed, Hill loved her job.

by Jennifer Odey

Traci Hill, executive secretary to the president, works her way through a stack of important papers. As a graduate of Truman, Hill was familiar with the events at the University. Hill worked with four different presidents at Truman. (photo by Hemal Patel)

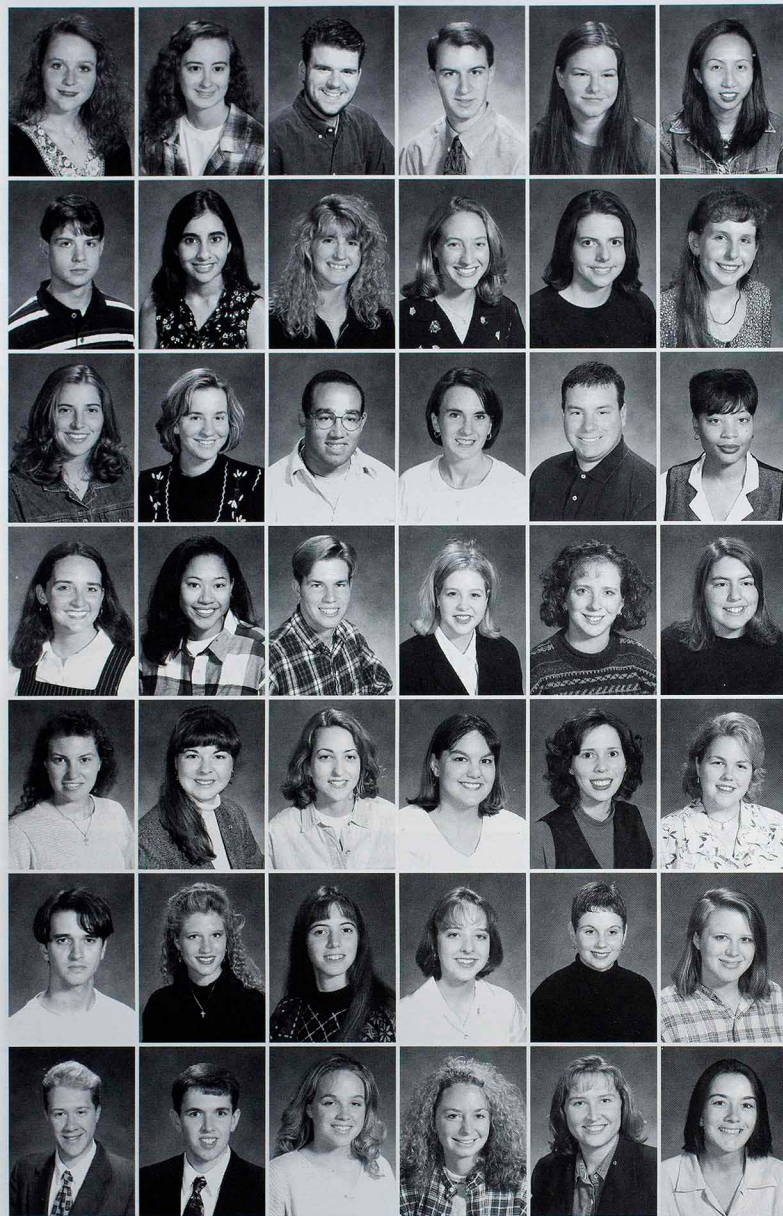


Juniors Andy Loehr, Courtney Fischer, Caryn Stahlschmidt and senior Jacque Morgan battle as the characters from "Saturday Night Live" and "Clueless" in Lakeside Revue. Lambda Chi Alpha and Sigma Chi Delta were paired up for the skits. Lakeside Revue was held March 22 in Baldwin Hall. (photo by Cheri Heiser)

Seniors Kim McGrath, Kelly Malone and sophomore Amy Westrich imitate the stars from "Charlie's Angels" for Lakeside Revue. The theme of the night was "Mission Impossible." Sigma Kappa teamed up with Tau Kappa Epsilon and won second place for their skit. (photo by Cheri Hauser)



Seniors



Tammy Oberdieck
Lisa Olson
John Osiecki
Paul Padberg
Jennifer Painter
Mi-Jung Park

Jeffrey Patchin
Hina Patel
Julie Phillips
Beth Ann Pieper
Tami Poehlman
Jamie Powell

Shannon Powers
Ann Price
Timothy Prott
Anne Pusczek
Christopher Ranner
Tina Raymond

Kathleen Reader
Linda Reed
David Reinhardt
Michelle Reynolds
Diana Richter
Elizabeth Riley

Christine Ritchey
Jennifer Roach
Miranda Robbins
Alice Roberts
Carol Rene Robinson
Laura Rodey

Walter Roensch
Angela Rogers
Heather Ross
Rebecca Rumley
Jessica Sabol
Carrie Sabourin

Paul Sager
David Sallee
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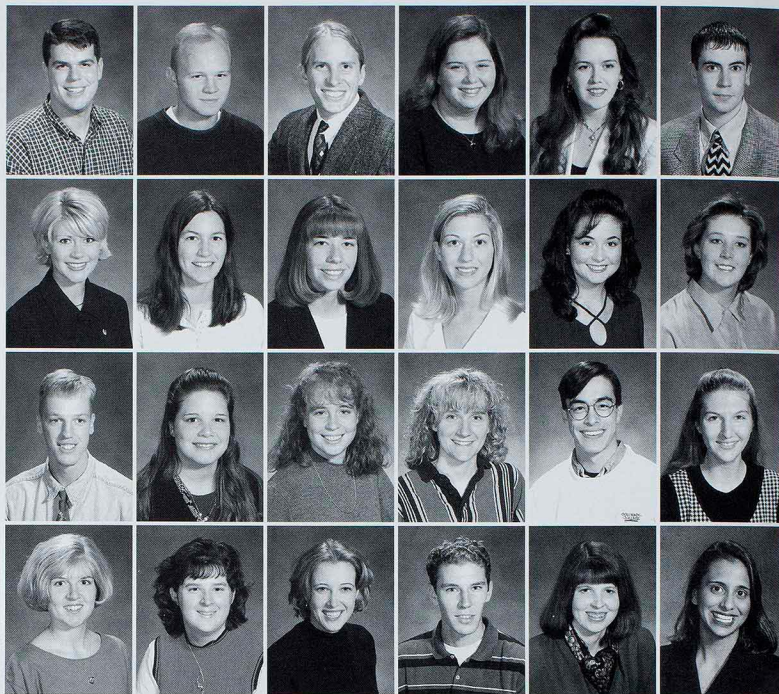
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Laura Sheridan
Michael Shine

Nicole Shine
Amy Shook
Jennifer Simpson
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Danielle Smith
Karla Smith

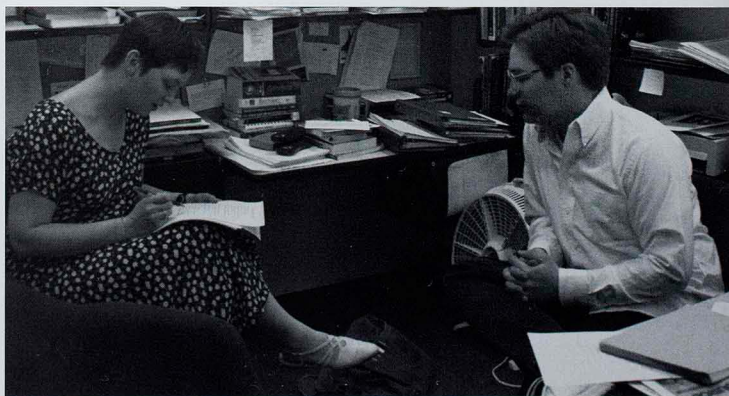
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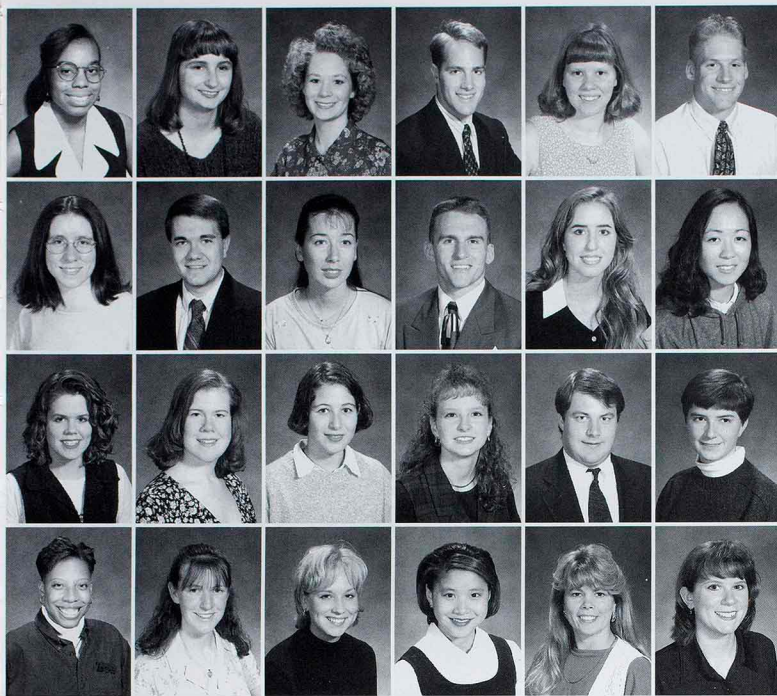


**"If professors are treating their students that well,
then you kind of expect they will be good colleagues also."
Priscilla Riggie, assistant professor of English**

Priscilla Riggie, assistant professor of English, works on the revision of a paper with junior Alex Moseley. Riggie accepted a job at Truman because of the friendly atmosphere she had experienced during her undergraduate years at the University. Riggie was already familiar with the campus and Truman's academics.



Seniors



Christina Tate
Carrie Thomas
Susan Thurnau
Christopher Tilley
Diane Tinkler
David Tischinski

Sarah Tofari
Ryan Totten
Frederique Toty
Greg Trachsel
Genna Tramel
Yuki Uchida

Molly Ulrick
Rena Vannoy
Amy Venturella
Staci Verman
William Vollmer
Jennifer Wallace

Stephanie Walters
Jennifer Walz
Jennifer Ward
Catherine Weber
Jill Weber
Julie Weggesser

Back for More

For some, a diploma in hand was not reason enough to leave Truman.

Some alumni did not look far to find a job. They stayed in Kirksville to work after graduation or returned after graduate school.

Campus Visit Coordinator Mike Whipkey was a 1996 Truman graduate. Whipkey had already worked with the administration and knew he enjoyed the environment from his years as a student.

"If I hadn't experienced what they had a question about, chances are I knew someone who had," Whipkey said.

Whipkey's college career was comparable to four extra years of training and job experience. As a student, he changed his major early on, and was not sure what to do after that. He decided to pursue a communication degree because he enjoyed the discipline and the people in it. He was attracted to his job in Admissions for the same reasons. He said he was not sure what he wanted to do with his degree or life, but Truman's job offer left much room for flexibility and growth.

"It offered many opportunities, nice people and a supportive environment," Whipkey said.

Priscilla Riggle, assistant professor of English, returned to Truman after receiving her Ph.D. for similar reasons. She wanted to teach on a small campus where faces did not always get lost in the crowd and professors took time with their students. These were things she appreciated as a Truman student.

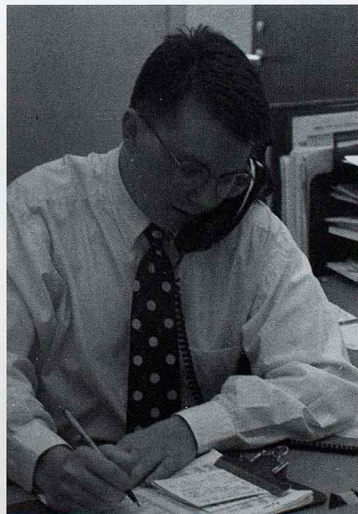
"If professors are treating their students that well, then you kind of expect that they will be good colleagues also," Riggle said.

Riggle was glad to be back in the Truman atmosphere where she said things were approached in a unique way.

"I get paid to do what I would do anyway," Riggle said.

Although the majority of students grabbed their diploma and ran, it was a great benefit to the Truman community that a few of the best and brightest chose to spend a few extra years at their alma mater.

by Jennifer Adams



Campus Visit Coordinator Mike Whipkey sets up an appointment for a prospective student. After graduating from Truman in 1996, Whipkey continued his employment with the Admissions Office. A recent Truman graduate, Whipkey related to incoming students on a personal level. (photos by Hemal Patel)

Seniors

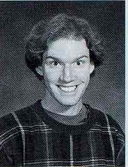
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Jennifer Wickam
John Wiley



Janna Willhaus
Amanda Wilson
Michelle Wilson
Stephanie Wilson
Claudia Wolf
Michael Wood



Jennifer Worth
Ya-Lan Wu
Xue-Mei Yang
Brian Yochim
Christy Young



Seniors: A New Beginning

*Are you going to graduate school?
Why or why not?*

- ◆ "No, I'm trying to go to the Phillipines first. I want to eventually go to law school."
~Paul Padberg, history (pre-law)
- ◆ "Not yet, with our major you have to work a few years before you can think about graduate school."
~Jennifer Jewell, nursing

Where do you see yourself in five years?

- ◆ "I plan on having a master's in social work and working for the state, maybe in the prison system."
~Mary Daust, psychology
- ◆ "Probably in the first year of a residency program, somewhere in the Midwest."
~David Sallee, chemistry (pre-med)

Mk Thompson, instructor of aviation grounds courses, recovers from a windy ride full of turbulence. Thompson combined his love of flying with the aviation class he taught at Truman. Thompson also ran a charter business. (photo by Hemal Patel)



Sharper Image: Mark Thompson

Since 1972, Mark Thompson flew the friendly skies of Kirksville.

He considered it to be a natural high.

Thompson was a charter pilot and instructor of aviation grounds courses at Truman. He taught a basic instrument class. His charter business, Mark & Mindy's Natural High, kept him busy in his spare time.

"I'm never at home," he said. "I'd rather be flying."

Thompson's Truman career began when he was a student himself. It was during the time of the Vietnam War, and Thompson signed up for ROTC. As part of the ROTC program, he was eligible to take the basic aviation course offered at the University. He acquired his air time and flight license through Kirksville Regional Airport.

"It was one of those novelty things," Thompson said. "I was in college and it was available, so I thought I'd try it."

At the time, students at the Uni-

versity could minor in aviation. Truman no longer has flight instruction in the curriculum, but Thompson said his class prepared students for the FAA written exam they needed to earn their flight certificate.

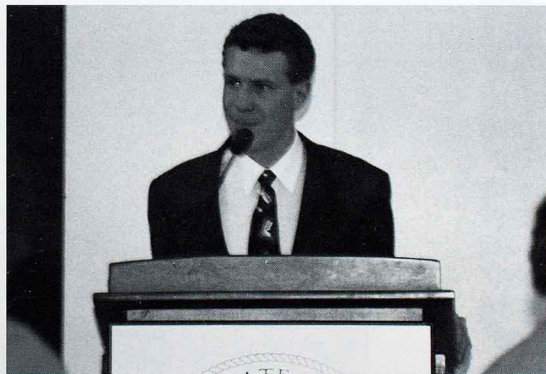
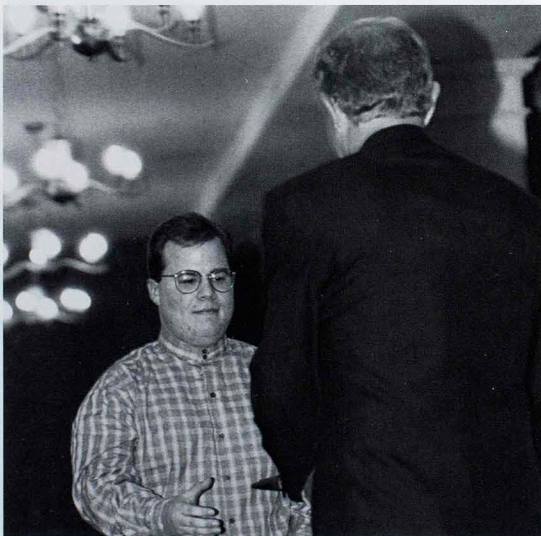
Senior Brett Russell, a student of Thompson's, said the course was a great way to earn three elective credit hours. He took the class after a friend recommended it, but said he was always interested in aviation.

"It is tough and it's subject material a lot of people don't know much about, but he makes it a lot of fun," Russell said.

Thompson said it was difficult for students to get flight time in Kirksville, but he always made it a point to invite his students along on charter flights. The aspect he enjoyed most about his job was the spontaneity.

"Somebody calls, and you don't know where you're going to be tomorrow," he said.

by Kelli Hauser



Alumni Joseph Bambenek praises liberal arts at the Academic Honor Awards Assembly on April 2. Bambenek attended MIT after graduating from Truman. As the keynote speaker, Bambenek explained how his liberal arts education benefited him. (photo by Laura Hoechst)

Science Division Head Michael Nelson presents Gerald Good with the Outstanding Senior in Physics Award. The Academic Honor Awards Assembly recognized 43 outstanding scholastic students. Faculty voted on the awards. (photo by Laura Hoechst)

A Touch of Reality

Students were teaching students.

They were graduate teacher research assistants, who taught basic courses while studying for their master's degrees.

GTRAs taught courses such as College Algebra and English Composition I. They also carried eight to nine hours of coursework and worked on research projects.

Chris McMillan, a GTRA pursuing a master's degree in math, said he taught College Algebra for one year, and the following year would be spent working with a professor on a math-related research project.

The GTRAs for the Division of Language and Literature spent two years teaching English Composition I. During those two years, they also did their research with the help of professors working as thesis directors.

McMillan said the program was a lot more work than he originally thought it would be.

"I didn't realize how much work grading was," McMillan said. "It takes longer than I would like."

Henry "JR" Slubowski, who worked on his master's in English, agreed.

"It's a 24-7 job," Slubowski said.

The job came with its rewards, though.

Slubowski said he enjoyed watching his students' confidence in their writing improve and the days when all went perfectly.

"There are good teaching days and days where you just want to tell everyone to go home," Slubowski said.

Robyn Ratcliff, also working on her master's in English, said she found camaraderie with other GTRAs and a closer intellectual connection to faculty.

Ratcliff and Slubowski said being a GTRA was odd at times, putting them in a situation somewhere between a teacher and a student.

"It's like having split personalities," Slubowski said.

Graduate students were offered the opportunity to become GTRAs or to just be students.

Applying graduate students had to pass the GRE at an acceptable level, have three letters of recommendation and meet other requirements of the division they applied to in order to become a GTRA.

Slubowski and Ratcliff became GTRAs partially for the financial aid, but mostly to see if teaching was something they could enjoy doing as a career.

Slubowski said teaching was something he could do, but he wanted to teach high school rather than college or become a magazine editor. Ratcliff said she wanted to explore other areas such as critical writing.

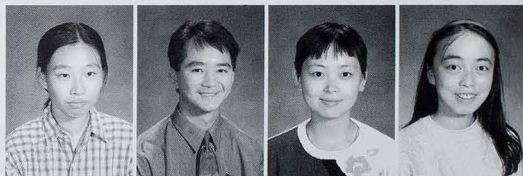
by Christina Paulsell

Graduate student Henry "JR" Slubowski attempts to keep his 7:30 a.m. composition class interested. Slubowski did research in addition to teaching his class. Graduate teacher research assistants allowed graduate students to receive early practice in their careers.



Graduates

Hong Jiang
Tony Lai
Ping Liu
Yu-Quing Zhong



Graduate Areas of Study Offered at Truman:

- ◆ Accountancy
- ◆ Biology
- ◆ Communication Disorders
- ◆ Counseling
- ◆ Education
- ◆ English
- ◆ History
- ◆ Mathematics
- ◆ Music

Summer 1996-Spring 1997
Graduate Student Enrollment:
149

Most Popular Graduate
Area of Study:
Education



Catching up on homework after teaching his class, graduate student Chris McMillan has to divide his time between his students and his own classes. McMillan taught college algebra for one year and then spent time as a research assistant. Graduate teacher research assistants were able to experience the professional side of their majors.

**"There are good teaching days, and days where you
just want to tell everyone to go home."
Henry "JR" Slubowski, GTRA**



Graduate student Robyn Ratcliff shares a laugh with her students. Ratcliff believed graduate teacher research assistants were special because they were in between a teacher and a student. The perks of working as a GTRA included paid tuition and experience as a teacher and researcher. (photos by Laura Hoechst)

Seniors April Mahrer, Johnna Klein, Ian Lindevald, assistant professor of physics, and seniors Tricia Hallac and Kim Dembinski relax during Redwing's break between songs. The physics professors had a number of students who followed the band. The band performed every few months.



**"Music, of all the arts, is really structured and logical and mathematical in some ways."
Ian Lindevald, assistant professor of physics**

Associate Professor Peter Rolnick, retired physics professor Bob Nothdurft and Assistant Professor Ian Lindevald entertain the crowd at Notes of Yarrow, a bar 20 miles southwest of Kirksville. The band, Redwing, played music ranging from folk to rock 'n' roll. Redwing members practiced once a week for their gigs. (photos by Jennifer Odefey)



Faculty



Donna Bailey
Russell Baughman
Jay Bulen
Royce Cook
Mona Davis
Robert Dobrow

Eleanor Ellebracht
Kathy Elsea
John Hart
Traci Hill
Becky Jones
Rebecca McClanahan

Marilyn Miller
Scott Olsen
Sally Owings
Stephanie Powelson
William N. Souser
JoAnn Weekley

Philip Wilson
Tena Yadon

Jamming to Physics

It wasn't a bird, and it wasn't a plane.

The name was the same, but this Redwing was just a bunch of wild and crazy physics professors jamming to country tunes.

Playing a self-described "eclectic" mix, physics professors Peter Rolnick (guitar, mandolin, hawaiian guitar, harmonica, and vocals) Ian Lindevald (bass guitar and vocals), and retired physics professor Bob Nothdurft (guitar and lead vocals) joined together to form the band Redwing.

Redwing's music dipped into folk, bluegrass and even rock n' roll. The playlist consisted of songs everyone enjoyed playing together.

The band usually got together

for practice once a week and played gigs every month to month and a half. Notes of Yarow, a bar in the town of Yarow, Mo., was the old standby for Redwing, who played there on occasion.

"We'd like to have someone who does the booking for us," Rolnick said, "because none of us like to do that, and we don't really try hard to find places to play."

Booking agent aside, the band continued to play, even if it was just on practice.

"I think I speak for everyone when I say that music is pretty major for all of us," Rolnick said, going on to describe his decision to attend graduate school over pursuing a career in music.

"I chose to go to graduate

school in physics," Rolnick said, "because I thought, and I think I'm right, that there's no way I would do physics if I wasn't a physicist."

It was a common theme among the group.

"If you're trying to decide between music as a career and physics as a career," Lindevald said, "it seems clear that music is a better hobby than physics."

Physics and music was not the odd combination it seemed.

"Music, of all the arts, is really structured and logical and mathematical in some ways," Lindevald said. "It's interesting to see how these things go together, and if you put two things together, what you get is more than just the sum of the parts."

by Ben Douglas

greek

The image of Greek life at Truman was a reflection of the ideals each fraternity and sorority held. The life of a Greek began with rush, and the ties of brotherhood or sisterhood lasted a lifetime. Although rooted in tradition, the Greek image was a changing one as the University welcomed Sigma Lambda Beta and Sigma Lambda Gamma, adding diversity. It was a diversity celebrated by Zeta Phi Beta as they took part in Black History Month. The diversity was celebrated once more as Greeks participated in the Special Olympics. The competition was often for a cause as Delta Zeta golfed for Gallaudet, Sigma Sigma Sigma jumped rope for Robbie, Sigma Phi Epsilon ran for a brother and Alpha Phi "kicked it" for philanthropy. The members of Phi Kappa Theta got a workout without even trying as they trekked to campus from their house. The members of Lambda Chi Alpha trekked across the country as chapters participated in the North American Food Drive, the largest philanthropy of all time. A Pi Kappa Phi member made his journey of hope across the country. Beta Theta Pi made its mark as the chapter was selected to appear in a national film. For some Greeks, the service was on a smaller scale, but still from the heart. The commitment to service was almost frightening as the members of Alpha Kappa Lambda exhibited their scary side. Throughout it all, philanthropy was the key. But it would never unlock the binding ties of the Greek family.

Create An Image

Katie Svoboda, Section Editor

Tonya Brooks, Section Designer



Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity House

Sharing the brotherhood is a priority for the Sigma Tau Gamma social fraternity, and construction of the Atterberry Brotherhood Center makes spending time together possible more often. The Sig Taus broke ground on their new wing in July and celebrated during Homecoming with a ceremony commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Beta Chapter. A dedication ceremony was held during Homecoming. White Rose Formal, the first formal event held in the new wing, was held on April 4.

Rushing Around

In September, students were in a rush.

Rushing to classes, rushing to buy books and rushing to get their homework done. For many Truman students, rushing to class just wasn't enough. So they rushed in a different direction—towards Greek life.

"I decided to rush because I thought it would be a cool thing to do—part of the college thing," freshman John Phelps said.

It turned out that many students tried to find a spot in the fraternity world in the 1996-97 year. Rush turnout was significantly greater than the previous year. The Interfraternity Council reported that 245 men participated in the fall, as compared to 220 from the previous year.

Rushes spent the week getting to know the men of the 14 fraternities participating in Inter-

fraternity Council (IFC) rush, and at the same time looking for the proverbial yellow card (or "bid") into the fraternity pledge class.

The week began with an assembly, where each rushee was given a pledge handbook detailing the week's activities, which differed from past years.

"We held the assembly indoors in Kirk Gym at a set time, as opposed to last year's assembly which took place in the mall for several hours," IFC President Matt Grimes said.

The IFC also set up a pre-registration table in the mall for a few days before the assembly.

"That idea turned out really well because we got 165 guys signed up even before the day of the assembly," Grimes said.

Rush had an entirely different meaning from the active fraternity member's perspective.

"During rush, as actives we are thinking about the future of our chapters and trying to get the best guys," Grimes said. "We are trying to secure the future of our fraternity—to remain at the top or get to the top of the fraternity ladder."

Fewer men joined fraternities during spring rush. Grimes said 125 men went through the rush process and 90 signed bids.

by Kristen Aggeler

Fall Rush

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Sept. 13, 1996

178 Men Signed

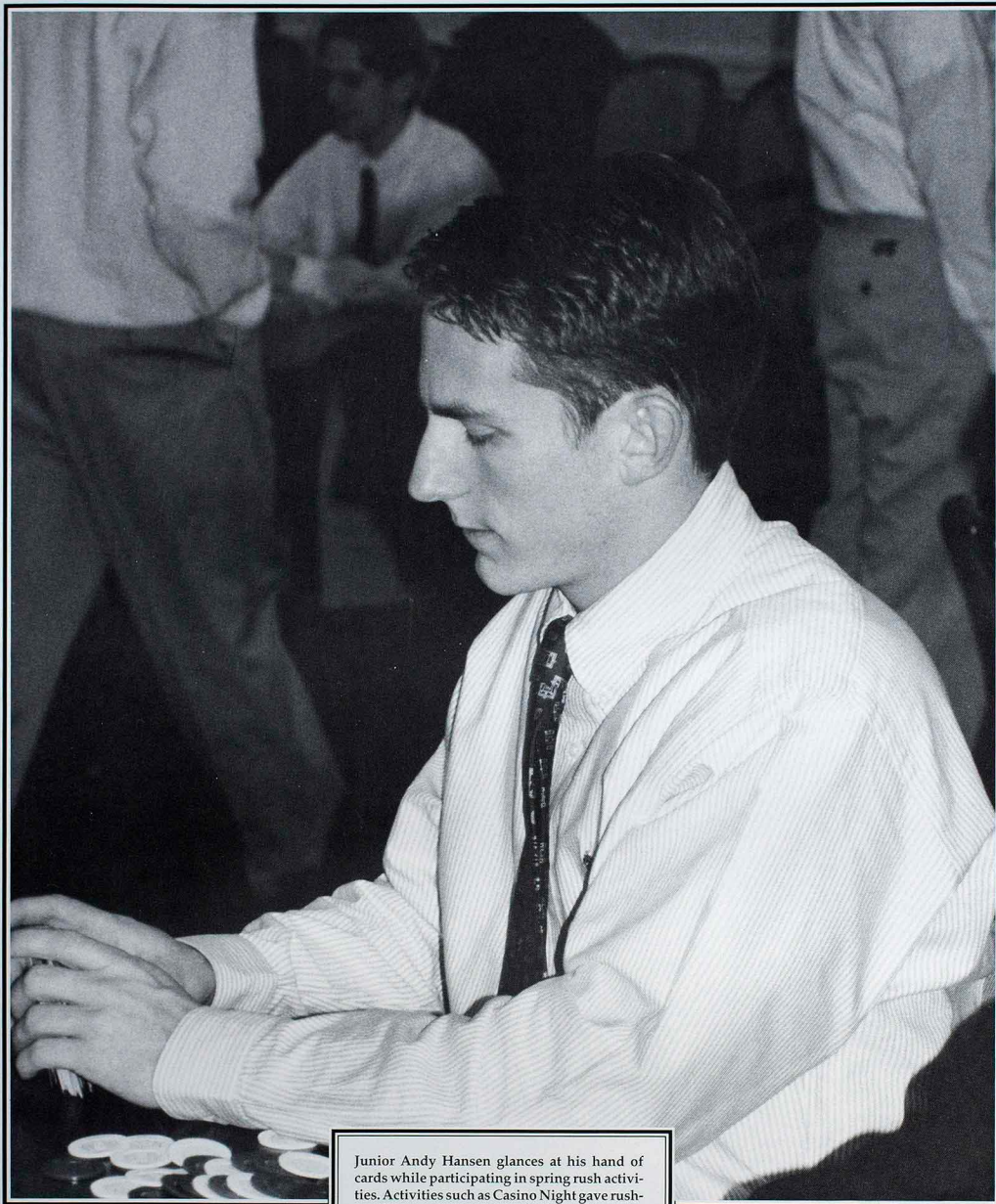
Spring Rush

Jan. 24~
Jan. 30, 1997

90 Men Signed

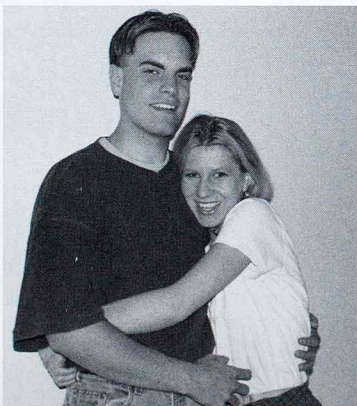
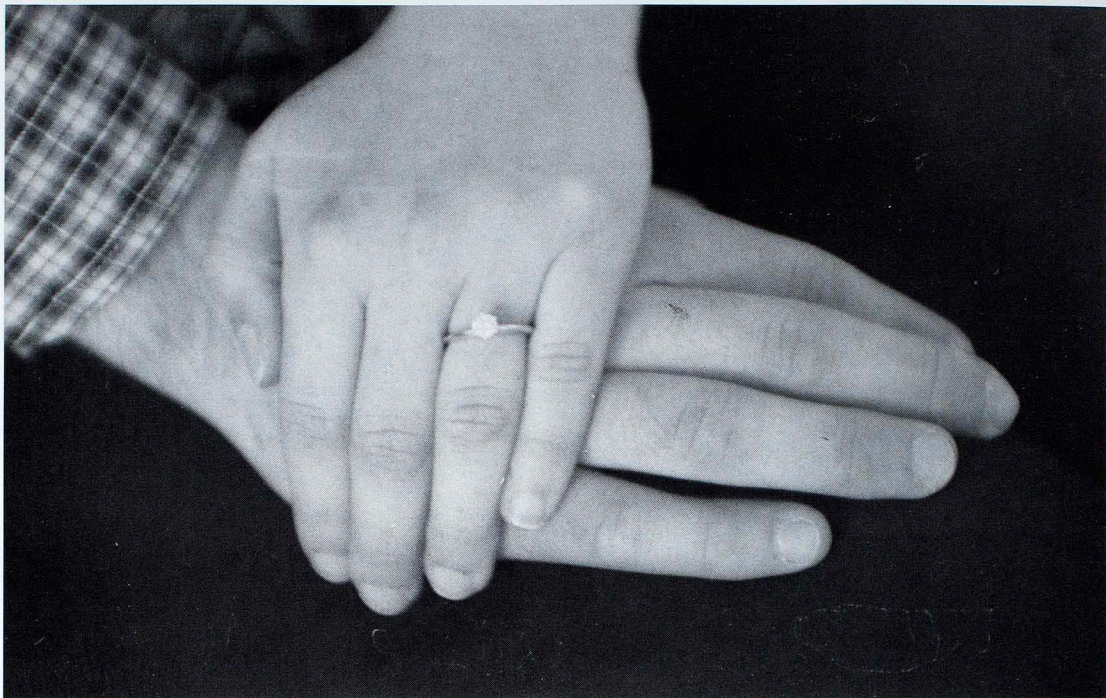


Freshman Ryan Schmidt deals a hand to freshmen Barry Wagoner and Brad Ross as sophomore Brian Umali overlooks the game. Beta Theta Pi social fraternity invited rushees to the event after they had spent part of the week getting to know each other. At the end of spring rush week, Sigma Phi Epsilon took the most new members with 16 bids signed.



Junior Andy Hansen glances at his hand of cards while participating in spring rush activities. Activities such as Casino Night gave rush-ees the opportunity to meet with active members in a fraternity. Ninety men joined fraternities in spring rush. (photos by Hemal Patel)

An engagement ring is the next step for many lavaliered couples. Fraternity members who gave away their precious letters were often humiliated by their brothers in front of Brewer Hall. The brothers stripped the male to the point where he was nearly-naked and covered him with food.



Juniors Todd Kirchhoff and Susie Burgess display the joy of being a lavaliered couple. Kirchhoff gave his inch-long letters to Burgess in November. If the female was in a sorority, she usually blew out a candle or was serenaded by her sisters after she was lavaliered.

Seniors Gina La Fata and Marcus Rosenberg share a moment together. The two became engaged less than a year after Rosenberg gave away his letters. According to La Fata, the lavalier was a promise.



***Lavaliere:
A pendant worn
on a chain
around the neck.***

***-The American Heritage
Dictionary***

Symbol of Promise

When junior Lisa Garfield's boyfriend drove eight hours through a February blizzard to bring her a box of chocolates, she wasn't hungry. She opened a chocolate turtle anyway. There, on the shiny gold wrapper, was a fraternity lavalier.

"It was hard to keep it a secret because I went out [the next] night, and I wanted to tell everyone," Garfield said.

Garfield was one of dozens of women on campus with gold fraternity letters around her neck. For those women and the men who gave away their fraternity letters, a lavalier symbolized many things and carried with it a host of traditions.

"It used to be that fraternities had pins, and if you'd been dating a long time, then you gave them your pin," senior Kirk McCarty said. "Now you don't give them your fraternity pin, you give them a little charm to wear on a necklace."

Senior Gina La Fata started wearing the charm her boyfriend gave her in March of 1996. Less than a year later, they were engaged.

"It's a commitment beyond dating, beyond just boyfriend and girlfriend," La Fata said. "It's like a promise ring for those who aren't Greek."

Her fiancé, senior Marcus Rosenberg, said he thought about it long and hard before handing over the inch-long Phi Kappa Tau fraternity letters.

"I was really nervous, and my stomach had butterflies all weekend," Rosenberg said. "This meant to me it was going to be the rest of my life, the first step."

McCarty lavaliered his girlfriend after a year together. Almost a year and a half later, McCarty got his lavalier back when the couple went their separate ways. He said the break-up hadn't changed his view on lavaliers.

"I still don't think it's right that you lavalier one girl one month and another the next," McCarty said.

Not everyone took lavaliers so seriously. Senior Brian Savlin said he wasn't sold on the symbol.

"It's just a sign that you are in a relationship with someone in a fraternity or sorority," Savlin said.

Senior Rachel Beard never thought much about lavaliers until she started dating a fraternity member. After that, she said a lavalier made the future a little easier to face.

"It is a little overwhelming to think about it as a pre-engagement," Beard said.

Time together, before and after the giving of letters, was definitely an issue.

Junior Todd Kirchhoff, a member of Sigma Tau Gamma who lavaliered his girlfriend in November, agreed on the six-month guideline.

"If you do it in the first six months, it's not as likely to work out," Kirchhoff said.

by Angie Green



Lavaliers are worn by many females on campus around their necks. The lavaliers were given to the females by their boyfriends who were in a fraternity. Males were often discouraged by their fraternity to give their gold fraternity letters to a female until the relationship had lasted at least six months. (photos by Laura Hoechst)

Interfraternity Council

Row 1: David Tischinski, assistant Greek advisor; Matt Grimes, second vice president; Tom Murphy, president; Sri Ghanta, first vice president; James M. Freer, treasurer. Row 2: Kevin Foster, Dakin Dugaw, Chris Tilley, Jason Bredahl, Matthew G. Graves, Riley Phipps, Jake Schwarz, Neil Hancock. Row 3: Eric Disney, Justin M. Stenger, Matt M. Muren, Greg Gaydos, Dan Fritz, Ian R. Smith, Doug Barth.

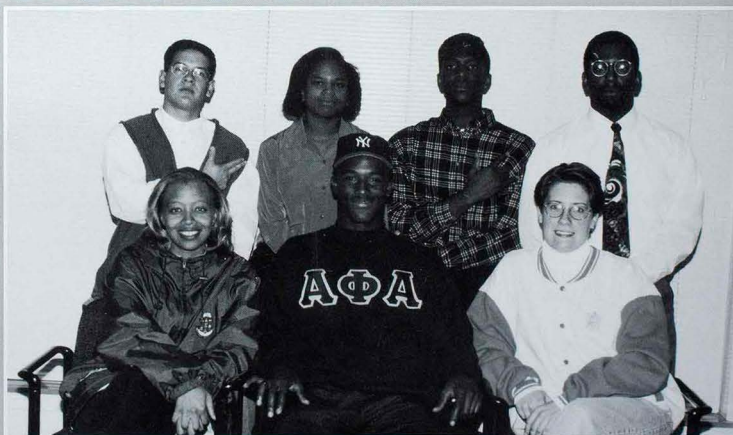


Interfraternity Council

National Pan-Hellenic Council

National Pan-Hellenic Council

Row 1: LaWanda Sanders, vice-president; Erik Nelson, President; Kristen Clendenin, secretary. Row 2: Jimmy Ruiz, Karri Cherry, Kenneth Compton, Anthony Cooperwood, adviser. (photo submitted)





Order of Omega

Row 1: Tara Casey, Andy Gensler, external vice president; Shannon Priddy, president; Megan McBride, treasurer; Ryan Sather, Nicole Shine. Row 2: Gina LaFata, Jen Goedeker, Mary Lagermann, Krista Grueninger, Shelly Grail, Jan Altmansberger.

Order of the Omega

Panhellenic Council



Panhellenic Council

Row 1: Mini Tandon, vice president of external rush; Jennifer Simpson, treasurer; Shannon Priddy, secretary; Mandy Sullivan, president; Gina LaFata, vice president of internal rush; Kim Oelschlaeger, Rho Chi coordinator; Sarah Busse, assistant Greek adviser. Row 2: Liz Skrabacz, public relations; Alison Kniker, housing chairs; Jenny Kelsch, risk management; Jennifer Schlicht, assistant to risk management; Marni Laverentz, new member education; Teddi Cox, vice president scholarship; Sarah Mason, social service; Kiersten Wickham, programming.

Freshman Jon Brown, senior Tim Prott and sophomore Jimmy Ruiz proudly hold a banner for the Easter Egg Hunt. The four members of Sigma Lambda Beta filled eggs with candy for the 19th Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Children held March 29. The members co-sponsored the event with the Kirkville Parks and Recreation Department.



Sophomore Chris Martel, freshman Jon Brown and senior Tim Prott gather together before heading off to the Easter Egg Hunt. The Sigma Lambda Beta founding members would talk in Spanish when around each other to help promote their Hispanic background. The members also performed in the Homecoming Step Show.

Freshman Jon Brown carries a large Easter basket as he portrays the Easter bunny at the egg hunt. Sigma Lambda Beta helped with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Latino Vote USA and Hero Street USA. In April, the members sponsored the Hispanic conference with Sigma Lambda Gamma. (photos submitted)



"...to cultivate honorable friendships, to promote to the fullest the advancement and potential of intellectual excellence, to better serve the needs and wants of our people, through these advancements, to disseminate the rich culture which we all share..."

-Sigma Lambda Beta creed except

Easing the Shock

Truman's newest fraternity focused on their culture in everything they did.

Sigma Lambda Beta Hispanic fraternity established its first Missouri colony at Truman State University when they initiated four brothers on Oct. 15.

The fraternity formed out of a need for assimilation into the Truman community

"It was a big culture shock for me coming to Truman from a big Latino community," President Jimmy Ruiz said. "I wanted to help ease the process for others of Hispanic background coming to this campus."

Vice President Tim Prott agreed Hispanics needed a fraternity of their own.

"When I came up here, I felt like I didn't fit in anywhere," Prott said.

Ruiz hoped the fraternity would influence other young men of Latino origin to choose Truman.

"Right now, we have to establish a strong structure in the campus," Ruiz said. "Our numbers will not be as large as other fraternities due to the numbers of Hispanics on campus."

Prott said Sigma Lambda Beta was a good addition to the Greek system.

"It gives Truman a chance to diversify," Prott said.

The Sigma Lambda Betas were socially active with other minority-dominant social organizations such as Social Active Latino Service Association and Sigma Lambda Gamma social sorority. They participated in the Homecoming Step Show with other members of the National PanHellenic Council.

To emphasize their Hispanic heritage, the brothers often spoke Spanish when they were together.

The fraternity introduced itself to Kirksville as a social fraternity with a service component.

They co-sponsored the 19th Annual Easter Egg Hunt for Children March 29 with the Kirksville Parks and Recreation Department. They filled over 4,500 eggs and received positive feedback from the Kirksville community for their efforts.

Other philanthropies included HeroStreet USA, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Latino Vote USA and Sigma Lambda Beta Education Foundation. Sigma Lambda Beta helped sponsor the Hispanics of Today Conference April 11-13.

The fraternity was founded nationally April 4, 1986 at the University of Iowa. Sigma Lambda Beta had more than 36 chapters in the United States and Puerto Rico.

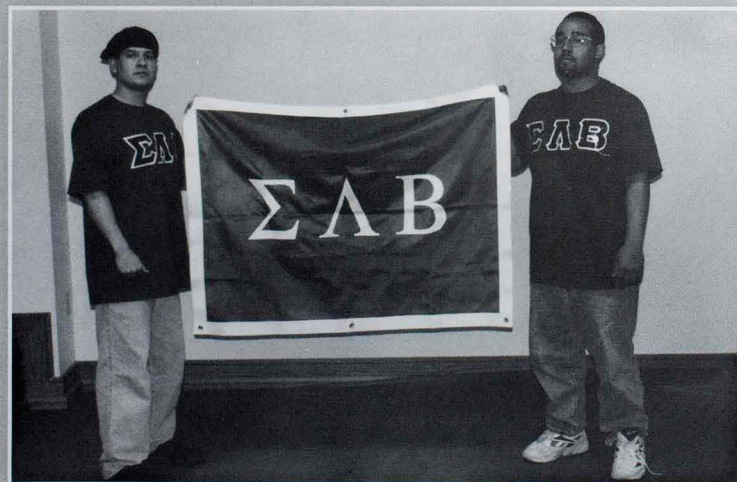
Although becoming a chapter was a long process, members said it was educational and worthwhile.

Ruiz said Truman's Sigma Lambda Beta colony expected to receive their chapter status by late April.

by Katie Riley

Sigma Lambda Beta

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Sigma Lambda Beta

Row 1: Jimmy Ruiz, president; Tim Prott, treasurer.

Open to Every Culture

They wanted to dispel any rumors.

Although they were formed nationally at the University of Iowa by Latino women, Sigma Lambda Gamma social sorority was open to women of all cultures.

Vice President Angie Nicholson said most people thought of them as a Hispanic sorority, but members were not selected by their heritage.

They considered themselves a multicultural sorority. The members of Sigma Lambda Gamma came from a variety of cultural backgrounds.

Nicholson said she did not feel she belonged in the other sororities on campus. She wanted to join a sorority that emphasized multiculturalism.

"We're kind of a liaison between the black and white sororities," Nicholson said. "We're open to every culture."

Sophomore Abrey McIntosh enjoyed being a part of a group that respected her culture.

"It's really neat to be involved with a group of girls that have such different backgrounds," McIntosh said.

She wanted to help add some diversity to the Greek system.

"We thought it was a good alternative to the normal service or social sorority," McIntosh said. "We try to learn about each other's backgrounds."

The sorority members worked to educate the campus and community about their cultures through their events. They read cultural-based stories at elementary schools in Kirksville on a regular basis. Sigma Lambda Gamma also participated in the Hispanics of Today Conference in April.

Nicholson was proud to be a part of cultural awareness at Truman.

"I've learned so much about other people's cultures, as well as learning about my own," Nicholson said.

Sophomore Jusonda DeRouen said one of the most difficult things about being a new sorority was just in getting their name out to the rest of the campus.

"We've been trying our hardest to get people to know who we are," DeRouen said.

The group formed a colony Nov. 23 and hoped to receive their charter status by the end of May.

Sorority members had the chance to meet the members of the Alpha Chapter of Sigma Lambda Gamma in Iowa City, Iowa.

The 11 members of the Truman colony would always be remembered as the sorority's founders.

"I wanted my name to live on as a founder," Nicholson said. "How many people can say that about their organizations?"

by Jennifer Odefey

**Social
interaction.
Morals and
ethics.
Academics.
Community
service. Culture
awareness.**

**Sigma Lambda Gamma
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Sigma Lambda Gamma

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Sigma Lambda Gamma

Row 1: Jusonda De Rouen, philanthropy chair; Catherine Heyer, sisterhood chair; Angie Nicholson, vice-president; Linda Reed, treasurer; Heather Jeffrey, historian. Row 2: Kristin Helke, academic chair; Abrey McIntosh, fund-raising chair; Rachel Moreno, cultural awareness chair; Caroline Hernandez, president; Iris del Rosario, social chair; Beth Wachter, secretary.



Junior Heather Jeffrey, freshman Beth Wachter and junior Linda Reed sell home-baked food at Sigma Lambda Gamma's first fund raiser. The members had planned on baking Mexican food, but ran out of time and sold desserts instead. The event was held on the first floor of Baldwin Hall in February. Members were given a chance to get to know one another better.



Sophomore Catherine Heyer and junior Kristin Helke help the baseball team a home game. Sigma Lambda Gamma members were bat girls for the team. The members were able to show their support for the team and provide a volunteer service.

Sigma Lambda Gamma members hit the last stop of their progressive dinner on April 18. The first stop consisted of raw vegetables and dip. The main dish was lasagna and garlic bread. Homemade strawberry shortcake, cookies and other treats were served for dessert. (photos submitted)

Setting the Pace

Diversity was key in creating an image for the women of Alpha Gamma Delta.

The women of AGD participated in campus activities ranging from Student Senate to Showgirls.

"We had girls involved in so many organizations on campus that we can contribute to other organizations as well as our own," President Shannon Johnson said.

The women did not let their busy schedules stand in the way of their philanthropy.

The AGD philanthropy was the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation which supported diabetes research. The AGDs participated in a variety of fundraisers for the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, including holding a car wash and selling discount cards for local merchants.

Some of the AGD members also took part in Walktoberfest, which raised money for diabetes research. Members took pledges to walk a certain distance. The AGD members who participated raised a total of \$84.

Their dedication to their philanthropy helped the AGDs win the Jewel Society Award, which was awarded annually to AGD chapters that raise more than \$2000 for the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation. This was an honor because few chapters received the award and the Truman chapter, established in 1993, was the youngest to receive it.

The spirit of their beginning at Truman remained in the hearts of AGD members.

"When things were new, people got really excited about them, and the newness never really ended for us," said Andee Adams, vice president of recruitment.

The activities the AGDs participated in were a source of pride, especially when they reflected on their beginning at Truman.

"If you look at our membership now, our members belong to almost all of the extracurricular activities on campus," junior Karin Stoltenberg said. "It's unique to have that kind of a diverse group."

"Our charter members had this in mind, but I don't think they anticipated this kind of explosion. I think they would be proud of the way our organization has evolved over the past few years."

by Jessica Harper and Mayly Yang



Alpha Gamma Delta

Row 1: Kristi Miley, Briana Foster, Jennifer Horton, Jennifer Kopp, Jennifer Francis, Carrie Parnell, Kelly Stephan, Stephanie Douthitt. Row 2: Libby Carnahan, Beth Waters, Sally Walz, Lizzie Schuerman, Rachel Schaefer, Janella Bahr, Lara Blake, property manager; Kelly Lovan, Sarah Riegel, Jennifer Vandivort, Melissa Schaefer, Kelly Burnett, Heather Morris. Row 3: Emily Bennett, Kelly Ney, Lisa Carol, Katie Booth, Becca Turner, Suzy Schade, Amy Bowers, Jamie Lynn Davis, Jamie Schmersahl, Sara Reisdorf, Laura Booth, Katy Olszynski. Row 4: Becky Biega, Rachel Hack, Kristen Griesel, Jayne Scanlan, alumnae liaison; Carin Hunt, sisterhood chair; Jennifer Allie, Carrie Hartung, Laura Zyk.

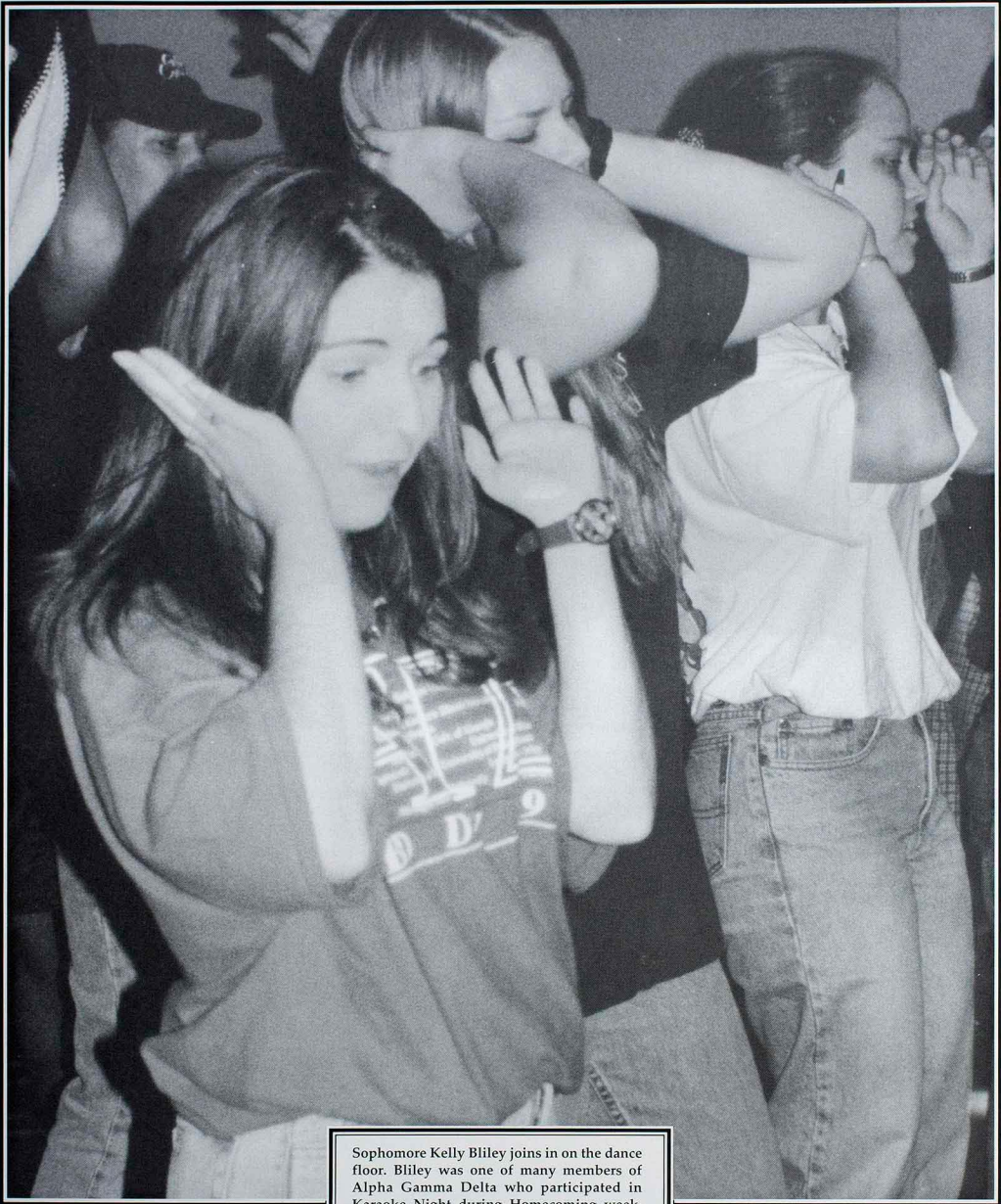
Alpha Gamma Delta

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Alpha Gamma Delta

Row 1: Teddi Cox, panhellenic delegate; Linda Becker, secretary; Amy DeBaetes, vice president of scholarship; Shannon Johnson, president; Stephanie Smith, vice president of member ship development; Andee Adams, vice president of recruitment; Karin Stoltenberg, treasurer; Rachael Guerra, activities coordinator. Row 2: Jenny Fields, Amy Ringwald, Carrie Jorgenson, Kelly Bliley, Sara Harshaw, Amanda Guelker, Erika Waldschmidt, Christine Hunt, Danelle Hlavacek, Kari Hickman, Christine Kinsella, Laurie Miller. Row 3: Julie Suddarth, Elizabeth Ciarpella, Victoria Caltagirone, new member coordinator; Kim Mannion, Jamie Edwards, Rachel Ferrick, Melanie Duran, Sara Flynn, Jennifer Schulte, Melissa Tatom, Sandy Upchurch, Tamara Craig, Kristen Vogel. Row 4: Janell Swafford, Ann Dittmeier, Jennifer Shreve, Debbie Priefert, Kelly Anthony, Jana Poos, Jen Wright, Heather Daniel.



Sophomore Kelly Bliley joins in on the dance floor. Bliley was one of many members of Alpha Gamma Delta who participated in Karaoke Night during Homecoming week. Students took turns at the microphone, while others danced in between performances. (photo by Hemal Patel)

Senior Chris Baughman, junior Mike Phillips, senior Chris Gibson, freshman Mark Russell, senior Jason Burckhardt, sophomore Roger Oien and senior Lee O'Brien take a break outside on the front porch of the Alpha Gamma Rho house. Members held a Founders' Day celebration on March 15. The celebration included a dance and an awards ceremony. Alumni received a tour of the house.



Freshman Mark Russell bakes chicken in the stove at the Alpha Gamma Rho house. One improvement made within the house was a new kitchen. A sleeping porch was also added to the house.

Freshman Tim Roeder and senior Chris Gibson grill hamburgers in the backyard of the Ag Rho house in April. Meals were often cooked in the house around 5:30 p.m. Dinner was a time when members could get together and talk about the day. (photos by Laura Hoechst)



"To make better men and through them a broader and better agriculture by surrounding our members with influence tending to encourage individual endeavors, resourcefulness and aggressive effort making for the development of better mental, social, moral and physical qualities..."

-Alpha Gamma Rho purpose excerpt

Honoring Alumni

Good times, memorable stories and brotherhood bonding were shared amongst new and old members of Alpha Gamma Rho social fraternity during their Founders' Day celebration.

Alpha Gamma Rho was founded on Truman's campus in 1978.

Approximately 25 alumni who graduated from 1980 to 1996 returned to Truman to visit and reminisce with present members.

The alumni received a tour of the house where several improvements and changes had been made. The new additions to the house were a new kitchen and a new sleeping porch. The library was also improved upon by repairing and cleaning it, so it was more conducive for use.

On March 15, Ag Rho members, new and old, held festivities at the Theta Psi house.

A formal dance was held, and later in the evening, there was an awards ceremony. Jay Nixon, a local owner of Domino's Pizza, won the Best Alumni Award. Senior Chris Baughman was awarded the Best Active Award. The Best New Member Award was received by junior Mike Phillips. The Good Neighbor Award was given to Dr. Paul Armah, assistant professor of

agricultural science.

"Dr. Armah has helped a lot of our members with resumes," freshman Mark Russell said. "He even set up a web page for us."

A lot of work went into planning and putting Founders' Day together. Lee O'Brien, head of the Alumni Office, was the coordinator of Founders' Day.

"I just came into Alumni Office in January, so I got a lot of help from the other members," O'Brien said.

Letters were sent to the alumni telling them when and where Founders' Day would take place.

O'Brien said he ordered T-shirts for the event. He also talked to alumni and active members to find out how the event was run and organized in the past.

The whole celebration ran smoothly, and the Ag Rhos were happy with the turnout.

For the 19 years the Ag Rhos were on campus, their fraternity went through some changes.

From all the stories they had heard from the alumni, the Ag Rhos were once a very popular and large fraternity on Truman's campus. In the late 1980s, two of their brothers died in the same year, and they decided not to hold rush that year. A year without any new members hurt their numbers. The result made them one of the smallest fraternities at Truman.

In 1997, the house became stronger and the number of members increased. The men of Alpha Gamma Rho were confident in their fraternity and felt it would become as large as it had been in the past.

by Amy DeHart

Alpha Gamma Rho

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Alpha Gamma Rho

Row 1: Chris Baughman, noble ruler; Jake Schwarz, VNR membership; Andrew Dager, VNR alumni; Roger Oien, VNR planning; Jason Burckhardt, VNR finance; Michael Thomas, VNR scholarship. Row 2: Lee O'Brien, David Aborn, Tim Roeder, Jeff Stewart, Michael Phillips, VNR activities; Dr. Glenn Wehner, faculty adviser; Anna Bell Miller, house mother. Row 3: Tyson Crawford, Mark Russell, Jason Bredhal, Philip Briscoe.

Style & Elegance

On Nov. 23, the Down Under of the Student Union Building was filled with Playboys.

The event was the Alpha Kappa Alpha Playboy Pageant.

Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha social sorority socialized, surrounded by decorations in their colors, apple green and salmon pink. The decorative touches were difficult to miss.

The pageant was an entertaining aspect of the AKA Fest, a two-day celebration of the Trumanchapter. The women of AKA were adorned in elegant dresses, some with sequins that reflected the lights from the high-tech lighting system.

Four young gentlemen, also in elegant attire, were selected to stroll the walkway in hopes of winning the coveted Mr. Alpha Kappa Alpha title.

The men were judged on how they expressed themselves. This took into consideration their clothing, their sleepwear and a talent they chose to share. There was also a segment of impromptu questioning.

When it was all said and done, freshman Triston Wright was a cut above the rest. He was elected Mr. Alpha Kappa Alpha of 1996.

Members of AKA saw Mr. Alpha Kappa Alpha as a reflection of the sorority. Therefore, they only chose men who were intelligent and had talent, President Diana Ross said.

The AKA Fest was officially kicked off the night before the Playboy Pageant with a talent show. The talent show included six performances, ranging from gospel music to a duo of saxophone players. The winner of the show was The Revue with their dramatic interpretation of Tina and Ike Turner singing "Proud Mary."

The event reflected Alpha Kappa Alpha's purpose, which was to give something back to the community and have all Truman students enjoy their functions.

"We try to portray ourselves as educated, classy, young women trying to make a difference on campus and in the community," Ross said.

"Our motto is to be of service to all mankind. If we see a need in the community or on campus, we try to fulfill that need. Like last year, we donated money to Unique Ensemble, so they could purchase robes."

Members tried to further their reputation of service.

"We help with the Special Olympics and Habitat for Humanity so that we can get out there, show our face, and let people know that we care," Vice President Kim Williams said. "That is our purpose."

Alpha Kappa Alpha was established in 1908, when it was primarily an African-American sorority. It later became a diversified organization at Truman, open to all women.

by Kevin Montagne

"To cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards. To promote unity and friendship among all college women. To study and help alleviate the problems concerning girls and women. To maintain a progressive interest in college life and to be a service to all mankind."

-Alpha Kappa Alpha Creed

Alpha Kappa Alpha

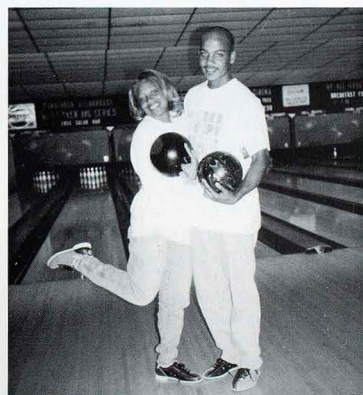
AKA



Alpha Kappa Alpha

Row 1: Tiffanie Tucker, treasurer; Diana Ross, president; LaWanda Sanders, recording secretary.

Seniors Kimberly Williams, LaWanda Sanders, Diana Ross, Tiffanie Tucker, and freshmen Sebastian Miller, Triston Wright, Ramon Christopher, Corey Henry and Mike McHugh sport their costumes for Halloween at William's house. Costumes worn included a football player, a little kid and Marilyn Monroe. The Halloween party was put on by the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha as part of their court activities.



Senior LaWanda Sanders and freshman Ramon Christopher take a break to show off their bowling stance. The two were bowling champs for the night. The event was one of the Alpha Kappa Alpha pageant activities.

Seniors Diana Ross, Erica Duvall, Kimberly Williams, LaWanda Sanders, Tiffanie Tucker, Rachel Scott and Tiffany King gather together at their annual talent show held in November. AKA also sponsored a clothing drive in the spring. (photos submitted)

A Scary Situation

If image is everything, the men of Alpha Kappa Lambda were pretty scary.

The AKLs turned their fraternity house into a haunted house for Halloween yet again, honoring annual tradition.

This was just one of the philanthropic events the AKLs sponsored every year. The haunted house provided a visual reminder to the entire community that the fraternity did more than just socialize.

"Fraternities aren't just social clubs," senior Paul Lundstrom said. "They're social organizations, be it for social functions such as parties or contributing to the community. A haunted house is a fun social event for all walks of life."

The result of this fun event was money which went directly to a charity of the fraternity's choice. The fraternity chose the American Cancer Society as their philanthropy.

"One of our main goals as a fraternity is to be philanthropic," senior Kirk McCarty said.

The decision to give proceeds to the American Cancer Society was made by the AKLs in honor of their late brother, John Buwalda. Buwalda died of Hodgkin's disease, a form of cancer, during the 1996 spring semester. In Buwalda's memory, the AKLs adopted the American Cancer Society as their philanthropy.

For almost two weeks, the AKL property was transformed into the quintessential haunted house that swallowed up visitors who dared to enter the dark maze.

The lot behind the AKL house became a "trail of terror" with a chainsaw welding madman and other spooks along the way.

While frightening people may have been a small part of the AKLs' overall purpose, the haunted house proved to be a worthy project.

All in all, the AKLs succeeded in meeting their main goals for the haunted house: creating a fun event for Halloween, showing the community they were involved in worthwhile projects and donating money to a good cause. The event made a total profit of approximately \$250 for the American Cancer Society.

"By working together we can accomplish something positive but have a good time doing it," Dan Rush, haunted house committee members, said.

by Amanda Niemi



Junior Scott Sciranko gets situated for a long and bumpy ride. Alpha Kappa Lambda teamed up with Alpha Sigma Alpha on the teeter-totter to fund raise for one of their philanthropies, the American Cancer Society. The two groups had members riding the teeter-totter 24 hours a day for a week, totaling close to 167 hours. Although they had to battle the cold winds and long dark nights, the members struggled day and night, donating the money raised to the American Cancer Society. (photo by Hemal Patel)

Alpha Kappa Lambda

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Alpha Kappa Lambda

Row 1: Erich Sartor, head pledge educator; Jeff Hollingsworth, sgt. at arms; Clay Degenhardt, vice president of rush; Michael Wells, president; Paul Lundstrom, Treasurer; Jason Schwent, vice president/secretary; Jon Ebner, vice president of alumni; Kyle Harmon. Row 2: J.R. Christensen, Scott Sciranko, Eric Schmitt, Brian Fruland, Brian Rockette, Justin Stenger, Matthew Powell, Tim Byrd, Mike Ebner, John Morris. Row 3: Brandon Hamm, Riley Phipps, Chris Cason, Chris Horan, Mike Keane, Steve Klotz, Scott Bahr, Chris Chancellor, Chuck Audet, Ryan Hagenow.



Senior Paul Lundstrom tries to escape his prison cell. Lundstrom was one of the many members of Alpha Kappa Lambda who helped out with the haunted house. Weeks of hard work putting together the haunted house were well worth the fun week of terrifying patrons of the house. (photo by Hemal Patel)

Senior Michelle Stickford and sophomore Vicky Molitor brave the cold to help others. Members of Alpha Phi teamed with members of Tau Kappa Epsilon social fraternity and camped on the mall for three days straight. All money raised was donated to the Special Olympics.



Sophomore Alpha Phi Rachel O'Hara prepares to spit a mouthful of watermelon seeds as far as she possibly can in the watermelon seed-spitting contest. The contest was one of many events during the Watermelon Fest, a philanthropic fundraiser sponsored by the Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity. Alpha Phi participated several events with other members of the Greek community, and they sponsored the annual "Just Kick It" soccer tournament in the spring. They also participated in Walktoberfest and Adopt-a-Street.



Alpha Phi

Alpha Phi

Row 1: Kim Shelley, cob chair; Colleen Field, scholarship chair; Rachel O'Hara, administrative assistant; Paula Adkins, recording secretary; Joni Cook, fraternity educator; Terri Nichols, president; Staci Johnson, vice president; Monica Stone, rush director; Jen Simpson, Panhellenic delegate. Row 2: Amy McFarland, Marni Laverentz, Kristy Brown, Sarah Mason, chaplain; Amy LeBrell, philanthropy; Dana Ahrens, MAP; Jodee Bass, treasurer; Lynn Madden, Melanie Yuracko, Stephanie Kohlmeier, Heather Kuhn, chapter promotion; Amanda Bruns, Christina Schaufert, Angie Wilson. Row 3: Julia Rosen, Andrea Clark, Megan Fuller, Erin Venable, Christy Foster, Michelle Landers, Jenn Wood, Nicole Harman, Shannon Lake, Christy Randolph, Katie Cunningham, Shawwna Gillette, Jaimie Scarborough, Victoria Molitor, Christina Yeager. Row 4: Sarah Klein, song chair and cob chair; Janae Lemley, corresponding secretary; Jennifer Chase, Michelle Braswell, Shonda Clark, Heather Ann Helm, Catherine Behrens, Tricia Kyler, Tricia Audrain, Amanda Bommarito, Angelica Merrill, Wendy Haigler, Meaghan Hoey.



Growing Stronger

Amidst the flame-colored bricks of the buildings of campus crept a little plant. Regardless of the season, the ivy continued to remain embedded on the sides of the buildings.

For members of Alpha Phi social sorority, such ivy was more than just mere decoration at Truman State University; it was a unique symbol in the organization's motto nationwide.

"Growing stronger with time like the ivy that twines" served as Alpha Phi's national mission statement, and at Truman, the women of Alpha Phi personified the continuous growth of the ivy in their philanthropic endeavors.

Philanthropy Chair Amy LeBrell said the sorority's primary philanthropic actions were rooted in the support of their national Alpha Phi Foundation. The Foundation provided financial resources to support cardiac care and research.

As the local fundraiser for the Alpha Phi Foundation, the Truman chapter sponsored the "Just Kick It" soccer tournament in the spring.

"It's so widespread and so many are involved, it's just the honor of doing it," sophomore Sarah Klein said. "Everyone knew that we

were the ones doing the tournament. It was our group."

Alpha Phi also participated in several community projects with other campus organizations.

The sorority as a chapter participated in the Sleep-a-thon with Tau Kappa Epsilon social fraternity to assist Special Olympics, Walktoberfest benefitting the American Diabetes Association, the Blue Key Adopt-a-Street program and many other activities.

"You just feel better helping someone else, and it shows that Greek life is more than just a party," President Terri Nichols said.

Part of the joy of Alpha Phi's service was the satisfaction it brought the members.

"Basically, we just enjoy doing it," sophomore Rachel O'Hara said. "It says a lot about who we are as Alpha Phis; that we don't do things halfheartedly."

For three consecutive scholastic years, Alpha Phi won the Panhellenic Council outstanding philanthropy award.

"I would say that as we grow, we take on more responsibilities, more philanthropies, and become more well-known in the community and on campus," Nichols said. "It shows we have really good hearts, caring hearts, and that we grow stronger and more united within ourselves as a chapter."

So, as the ivy continued to climb along the bricks, so, too, did the women of Alpha Phi find their growth at Truman rooted in their foundation of service to the campus and the Kirksville community.

by Karin Stoltzenberg

"I believe in my Fraternity. I believe in the friendships formed in the springtime of my youth. I believe in its high ideals which lift me up beyond myself. I believe in its earnest drive for good scholarship, moral character, and genuine culture."

-Alpha Phi Creed

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Freshmen Catherine Behrens and Angelica Merrill and sophomores Wendy Haigler and Sarah Klein sing their hearts out at Karaoke Night during Homecoming Week. Alpha Phi members gathered in the Down Under of the Student Union Building, renewing bonds of friendship and sisterhood as they rendered a new version of Bill Withers' "Lean On Me." Alpha Phi was awarded 50 points for its participation in Karaoke Night. (photos by Hemal Patel)

Service & Honor

The men of Alpha Phi Alpha social fraternity learned size wasn't everything.

Faced with the challenge of having only three active members in their chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha pulled together to coordinate events. This didn't prove to be a problem for them.

"They are used to working with small numbers," said Dwayne Smith, associate dean of Multicultural Affairs and the Alpha Phi Alpha Area Director.

Alpha Phi Alpha was originally established to act as a service organization. As part of their service to the community, Alpha Phi Alpha raised money for the American Cancer Society by selling flowers during Daffodil Days.

"Daffodil Days is an excellent example of what they do because it's so visible," said Anthony Cooperwood, National Pan-Hellenic Council Adviser. "This is a group of fine students on campus organizing together as Greeks to accomplish a unified goal of service."

Alpha Phi Alpha members also collected canned food items in the community to donate to the Salvation Army and continued with their tradition of educational outreach to inner-city children.

As part of their educational outreach program, the Alpha Phi Alphas also worked closely with the women of Delta Sigma Theta social sorority on a Christmas program which taught children from the inner city about drugs, violence and gangs.

Alpha Phi Alpha's main focus was on service and honor above self.

"The Alphas enjoy immersing themselves in the community and doing service," Smith said.

One of the main events Alpha Phi Alpha sponsored was the Black and Gold pageant. Senior Erik Nelson said it was the biggest social event the Alphas had all year. The competition was held at the end of January.

Women who represented the community and campus were invited to participate in the pageant. To participate, the women had to be first-time contestants in the pageant. Fifteen invitations were sent out to potential candidates in 1997. Five women competed in the pageant. On the night of the pageant, sophomore Kenyatta Eleby was crowned queen.

The Black and Gold competition was only one of the many events the Alphas had to plan that weekend. They also coordinated a step show, a party introducing the Black and Gold candidates and a state convention meeting.

In 1997, the Alphas concentrated on academics. They also strove to pass on leadership to their new members.

"The Alphas are strong black men who aren't afraid to speak the truth, not afraid to take those risks that are important in order to change," Smith said.

by Amy Aitken

***"Do manly deeds,
promote
scholarship and
love to all
mankind."***

-Alpha Phi Alpha motto

Alpha Phi Alpha

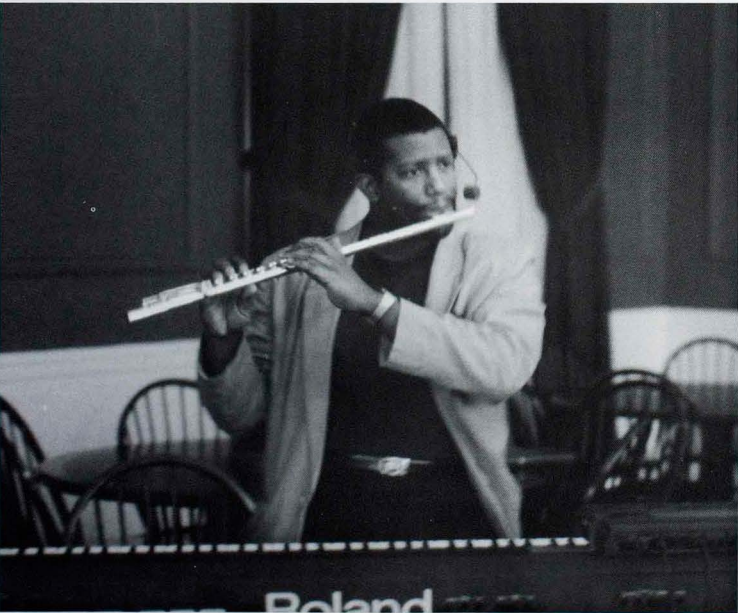
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Alpha Phi Alpha

Row 1: Demond Baine, vice president; Jaswant Sullivan, president; Erik Nelson, treasurer.



Freshman Tyra Harris, sophomore Kenya Eleby and freshman Seynabau Cisse walk together at the Alpha Phi Alpha Miss Black and Gold pageant held in late January. The event consisted of five different scenes. A topic included in the first scene was "How can African-Americans transform their history into planning and development so that future generations may prosper?" In the first scene the contestants were introduced, and an overview of the pageant was given.



Freshman Seynabau Cisse walks down the runway during the second scene of the pageant, the creativity presentations. The women were also judged on their sportswear, talent, poise, appearance and oral presentations.

Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs and National Pan-Hellenic Council Adviser Anthony Cooperwood entertains with his flute at the Miss Black and Gold pageant in the Student Union Building. Door prizes were given away during the second intermission. (photos by Cheri Heiser)

Sharing A Focus

From local philanthropies to national recognition, the members of Alpha Sigma Alpha social sorority focused on an image of sisterhood and sharing.

Members knew helping the community could be very rewarding. They showed this through their philanthropies such as "Puppy Love for Tally."

"We had a sister die in a car accident, and she loved animals, so we set up a philanthropy in her name," sophomore Sara Sullivan said.

Tally Stevens was a victim of a car accident during Greek Week several years ago. Members honored her and her love for animals by walking dogs from the Humane Society on campus and through Wal-Mart every spring. They collected donations, using the money to buy supplies for the Humane Society.

Alphas adopted the Ray Miller Elementary School. They asked other sororities and fraternities to help them with tutoring after school and as teachers' aides.

"We try to be positive role models for the kids," Philanthropy Chair Tammy Fiscella said. "We help with whatever the teachers need help with."

Members participated in the Adopt-A-Street program by routinely clearing trash from a street near campus. They also helped the members of Alpha Kappa Lambda in the fall by teeter-tottering in front of McClain Hall to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

The sorority supported their national philanthropy, the Special Olympics. They donated money and were buddies for the participants.

"We donate a lot of time," Fiscella said. "The whole chapter works a few hours a day."

Every year the Elizabeth Bird Small Award was given to one Alpha in the country by the sorority's national headquarters. Senior Andrea Roberts received the award in honor of her outstanding leadership in the chapter, her campus and community work and her personal qualities. Nominated by her sisters, Roberts was the first Alpha from the Truman chapter to receive the award. She said the nomination alone was a reward in and of itself.

"The fact that my sisters nominated me was an honor," Roberts said. "I was beyond words. I was humbled."

by Jenny Painter



Alpha Sigma Alpha

Row 1: Chrissy Sooklall, Nora Schaefer, Lisa Garfield, Nicole Daniel, Jennifer Sagaser, Sara Hill, Hennifer Kump, Christie Powelson, Samantha Wilson, Wendy Kishi. Row 2: Erin Smith, Michelle McPherson, Penny Lindemann, Francie Poehling, Laura Jordan, Christina Landers, Becky McKay, Julie Meitz, Aggeliki Zorbas. Row 3: Patty White, Jeane Tompkins, Lis Olson, Julie Southard, Marie Speidel, Megie Alexander, Tawny Ross, Julian Peterson.

Alpha Sigma Alpha

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Alpha Sigma Alpha

Row 1: Tara Casey, president; Kimberly Eastep, scholarship; Anne Marie Dorsey, rush; Melinda Frick, membership; Shannon Priddy, panhellenic delegate; Lisa Dieckmann, parliamentarian; Kimberly Penter, physical; Sara Sullivan, editor; Andie Trotter, sisterhood council; Tammy Fiscella, philanthropy. Row 2: Shauna Masters, Britt Edwards, Kristin Moltzan, Alli Poehling, Andrea Roberts, DeAnna Snider, Nikki Wade, Andrea Wenger, Meaghan Malloy, Kara Bush, Kara Atkins, Samantha Towers, Katie French, Robyn Schalda, Nikki Francis, Kimberly Kerlin, Kim Oelschlaeger. Row 3: Monica Houghtlin, Courtney Folino, Patty White, Maureen Cannon, Kelly Shropshire, Becky Schnarre, Sara Rogers, Amy Hevrin, Unity Smith, Simonie Bieber, Aneesa Bharwani, Jen Butler, Jill Sancken, Nikki Wildman, Jean Omi.



Freshman Cara Fitzgerald puts in her share of ups and downs. Alpha Sigma Alpha co-sponsored the teeter-totter event with Alpha Kappa Lambda. Although the groups were forced under the wing of McClain Hall due to the rain, they persevered, teeter-tottering for over 168 hours straight. (photo by Hemal Patel)

Juniors Mike Witt and Hank Rischar, senior Andrew Warner, sophomore Brian Umali, senior Kevin Cheairs and sophomore Ray Heuer help prepare sack lunches for participants at the Special Olympics. Special Olympics was held April 19 at Stokes Stadium. Beta Theta Pi members also helped the participants find their track or field event. (photo by Laura Hoechst)



Beta Theta Pi

Beta Theta Pi

Row 1: Kevin Gamber, Timothy Bachmann, Alexander Petrovic, secretary; Edward Moran, vice president; Ryan Sather, president; Greg Bell, treasurer; Jay Anielak, risk manager; Mike Maloney. Row 2: Kris Schulze, Douglas Eisele, Steven Liebowitz, Brad Engel, Andrew Hansen, J.J. Klay, Michael Witt, Mark Felton, Pat Cross, Dale Rees, Michael McBride, Justin Moody. Row 3: Matthew Driskill, Kevin Lehnen, pledge educator; Brian Umali, Andy Lyskowski, Zachary Rieder, Danny Rotert, Jim Rocchio, Scott Bodnar, Brian Maturara, Ross Merritt, Ryan Mulbery, Tony Lai. Row 4: Jacob Sirna, Dave Gragg, Regan Ervin, Brian Baker, Jake Cowan, Jason James, Andrew Warner, Scott Oliver, Jason Hubbard, Timothy Birkel, Michael Shadle, Brian Suchocki.



**"Worthy of the
highest"**

-Beta Theta Pi creed

Video Highlights

The men of Beta Theta Pi social fraternity were given the opportunity to be stars.

The Truman chapter experienced fame as part of the Beta News Network.

The news network was a video distributed monthly to keep all of the local chapters and colonies connected. Individual chapters submitted footage of various events to the national chapter for editing.

Sophomore Christopher Heck, public relations chair, was responsible for capturing all the important moments and recording most of the footage used in the video. He filmed the chapter doing everything from playing intramural basketball to coaching floor hockey at the YMCA. The video also included the Betas' participation in philanthropy events such as The National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse and the Special Olympics.

After an editing process, the video was distributed to all the individual Beta chapters and colonies throughout the United States and Canada.

The Betas were first recognized on the Truman campus in 1995. The colony consisted of 90 members. Twenty-one men pledged dur-

ing fall rush, and 11 more pledged during spring rush. The colony spent the year in a trial phase on the national level.

"It's kind of like being a pledge before initiation, only on a higher level," Vice President Jake Cowan said.

Requirements for the group to become a chapter included having successful rushes and showing involvement in daily campus life. Other requirements included having 90 percent of their members in good academic standing and submitting goals to the national chapter. During the summer conventions, representatives from local chapters met to choose which colonies had met all the requirements and deserved to become chapters.

To help other chapters understand the plight of colonies, the Truman chapter focused on problems that arose before attaining a charter in their Beta News Network submission.

"It is important for all the chapters to understand the general problems colonies are faced with when they start down the rocky road of becoming a chapter," Heck said.

The problems faced by members of the Truman colony ranged from inadequate funds for a fraternity house to having a small support base of alumni. The current house was one rented by fraternity members, and the Betas only had two alumni.

Members hoped the video would help the other chapters get to know them.

"It will give other chapters an opportunity to get to know the colony before the (national) convention," said Cowan.

by Stephanie Brenneke

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Beta Theta Pi

Row 1: Steve Bernstein, Chris Benner, Alan Reichard, Peter Lyskowski, Simon Seah, Kevin Chairs, Downey Fitzgerald, Michael Aschoff. Row 2: Dan Thomann, Christopher Smith, Marc Stitzlein, Scott Smith, Mike Heckman, Marc Pelini, Bill Dörner, Christopher Heck. Row 3: Andrew Rogers, Sammy DeOrnellas, Brad Bekebrede, Nicholas Clayton, Nathaniel Peters, Mike Stegemann, Jarrett Marshall, Dan Waterkotte, Jason Eldridge, Ryan Schmidt. Row 4: Dave Ronck, Tim Copple, Eric Hoberg, Kevin Hollinger, Brad Masfeldt, T. Henry Rischar, Ray Heuer, Alan Bancroft.

Bonds of Brotherhood

No matter how far in life people ventured, they always came back to their family.

The motto of Delta Chi social fraternity was "Brotherhood for a Lifetime." The men of Delta Chi knew no matter how far away they were from their chapter, they were always welcome to come back.

The 17 men of Delta Chi held a reunion weekend for their alumni April 25-26.

The reunion was a celebration of all members from the fraternity's 19-year history at Truman.

Between 30 and 40 alumni and their wives returned for the weekend, alumni secretary Bryan Beckmann said.

"About this time of the year, we feel the need to get together and see people we haven't seen in a while," senior Miguel Guterrez said.

There was more to the weekend than simply seeing old friends.

"The purpose of the weekend was to get alumni back to see how we are doing, how we've improved and what has changed since they were here," senior Jim Lenox said.

Some of the events of the weekend included golf and fishing tournaments on Saturday morning.

The Alumni Board of Trustees, who oversaw the chapter, also got together to have a meeting on Saturday afternoon.

"At the meeting we discussed the general health of the fraternity and ideas for next year's rush, as well as future plans to build a new house," Beckmann said.

The weekend proved to be a good time for everyone, especially as the weekend concluded with the Delta Pacific Party where everyone took some time to get to know each other.

The group worked with alumni throughout the year on general projects. They kept in touch with one another through newsletters, and in the future would be able to keep in touch through their internet page, Beckmann said.

Throughout the year, the men of Delta Chi also worked on strengthening their fraternity by working on the four principles set forth in their mission statement: friendship, character, justice and education.

The character of the fraternity was something they worked on strengthening, not just with each other, but as the image they portrayed to the University.

"I think we have one of the stronger brotherhoods on campus because there are not a lot of us," Beckmann said. "We don't fight and we are a very close-knit group."

It did not matter if they were alumni or current members. They felt the bonds of their brotherhood that told them no matter what road they followed in life, they would always have a home and a family with their Delta Chi brothers.

by Jennifer Baumann

"...members of Delta Chi fraternity believing that great advantages are to be derived from a brotherhood of college and university men. Appreciating that the close association may promote friendship, develop character, advance justice and assist in the acquisition of a sound education..."

-Delta Chi Creed

Delta Chi

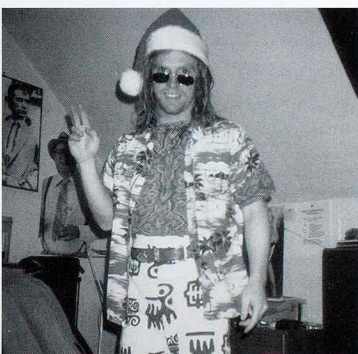
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Delta Chi

Row 1: Travis Prewett, sargeant-at-arms; Matthew Haker, alumni secretary; James Lenox, vice president; Miguel Gutierrez, president; James Fraraccio, John Gaines. Row 2: Peter Noel, Erik Meyer, Bryan Beckmann, Alan Maeder, David Albart, Kevin Shipp, Leo Hayes, Kevin Oligschlaeger, Dan DeLawter, Bryan Backowski.



Delta Chi members stop grooving at a dance to snap a photo. Alumni kept in touch with the members through newsletters. A future web site was in the plans for the fraternity. The web site would allow the alumni to keep in closer contact with the members.



Junior John Gaines displays a peace sign while sporting his attire for Delta Chi's Flash Bash party. The fraternity held an Alumni Day the weekend of April 25-26. Included in the weekend's activities were golf and fishing tournaments.

Delta Chi members work on their Homecoming float "What Comes First." The float theme was developed with an eggshell and a chicken. Senior James Lenox dressed up as a chicken and was hatched out of the eggshell. (photos submitted)

Play with a Purpose

The Delta Zeta social sorority fundraiser was up to par, literally.

On the cool, windy Saturday morning of March 22, 119 golfers gathered at the Kirksville Country Club to play some golf. This golf tournament was more than just a friendly game. Money was involved, and a lot of it.

The sorority's Golf for Gallaudet Tournament was created to raise funds for their national philanthropy, Gallaudet University, a college for the deaf and hearing-impaired. Gallaudet University was based in Washington, D. C., but had branches in the Kansas City and St. Louis areas. This was the first time a golf tournament was used to raise money. Races and tug-of-war contests were previous fundraisers.

Collins Rentals sponsored the sporting event, and several other community businesses donated food, beverages and prizes.

Each golfer paid \$25 to play the 18-hole golf course. Each team was comprised of four people. In team play, each golfer hit a drive. Then the team chose the best drive, and each member hit from that spot, and so on.

A little more than half of the golfers were students and most of the rest were parents. Delta Zeta and Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity had their Parents' Days on March 22, which helped increase the number of participants.

"It was something to do with our parents," junior Katie Streitmatter said.

Other golfing contests included the closest to the pin and the longest drive. The winning men in each category won hats. The women's winner for the longest drive won a golf umbrella.

"Everyone had a good time and didn't play too seriously," senior Jenny Miller said.

At about 2 p.m. the sun began to heat the windy air and regular play was over. Two teams had tied with a score of 63. There was a putt-off to determine the winner.

Each team chose their best putter to put the ball in the cup in the fewest strokes. The winning team hit the ball twice and walked away with donated plaques, golf tees, balls and hats.

This golf team was not the only winner; after all, it was a win-win situation. While the golfers drove for low stroke counts, they were also driving the fund-raising dollars high for Gallaudet University.

by Liz Lach



Delta Zeta

Row 1: Shalini Chawla, Heather Arora, Jenny Kelsch, Mary McBride, Amanda Cox, Katy Walrath, Sandy Witte, Anjanette Shine, Tricia Buchheit. Row 2: Traci Leger, Jessica Callow, Lisa Odorizzi, Jessica Vouk, Kim Stratman, Niki Wisbrock, Tracy Reynolds, Susan Bertelsmeyer, Janese Heavin, Jill Bradley, Jennifer Vollmar, Kimberly Davis, Lori Shryock, Lisa Friederich, Ashley Hunt, Kathy Doan. Row 3: Jennifer Mazi, Rachel Judd, Jaime Monaghan, Mandy Lehman, Kristi Kelley, Sarah Bachmann, Jennifer Benigno, Kelly Hurst, Michelle Bokermann, Laura White, Sarah Lutter, Aimee Flamion, Heather Droste, Natalie Terry.

Delta Zeta



Delta Zeta

Row 1: Mini Tandon, panhellenic delegate; Wendy Bradburn, treasurer; Nicole Shine, vice president of new member education; Catherine Streitmatter, president; Sara Van Scoyoc, vice president of membership; Jennifer Bosshardt, recording secretary; Jennifer VanWinkle, corresponding secretary; Lindsay Hess, academics. Row 2: Jenny Miller, Michelle Lozano, Valerie Tank, Jessica Jenkins, Sarah Busse, Melanie Hedges, Sara Loveless, Melissa Goldie, Kelly Harris, Lisa Roberts, Amy Walter, Michelle Peeper, Kendra Lukefahr, Angie Marlow, Cara Murphy, Casey Smith. Row 3: Kelley McGuire, Julieanne Hall, Jaime Clancy, Jenny Mueller, Erin Taylor, Missy Sieren, Elizabeth Amann, Karrie Ostroski, Pamela Tiff, Jennifer Markham, Amanda Wilson, Susan Vehige, Kelly McNamara, Jordan Block. Row 4: Carol Scioneaux, Bridgette Collins, Kathleen Reader, Amy Borchardt, Brenda Lasey, Marla Busby.



Sophomores Casey Smith, Aimee Flamion and Jen Vollmar promote merchandise at the Golf for Gallaudet benefit tournament. The tournament was held March 22 to raise money for Gallaudet University, a school for the deaf and hearing-impaired. (photo by Hemal Patel)

Junior Nathan Arunski gathers one of many bags collected during the North American Food Drive. Lambda Chi Alpha teamed with area Boy Scouts to distribute bags door to door for the food drive. Area residents donated non-perishable food items which were later given to the Kirksville Community Food Bank. Lambda Chis also collected money outside of Jack's Cash Saver and Wal-Mart, raising close to \$400 for the food bank. (photo by Hemal Patel)



Lambda Chi Alpha

Lambda Chi Alpha

Row 1: Brian Cockrill, rush chairman; James Stanton, internal vice president; Jeremy Livingston, treasurer; Chris Riechers, external vice president; Jeffery Burrows, social chairman; Adam Etchason, secretary. Row 2: Chris Schulte, Chad Harris, John Vieth, executive committee; Kyle Cope, president; Dan Brink, risk manager; Andy Gensler, fraternity educator; Mark Bueth, ritualist; Mark Wissel, Scholastics chair. Row 3: Tim Russo, Brian Grotwiel, Joe Banash, Dr. Fred Shaffer, educational advisor; Dave Stulac, Dan Hubbard, Dan Eckert, Tim Glover, Paul Fagyal, John Ahlers, Timothy Brown. Row 4: Nathan Arunski, Robert Davidson, Ryan McDowell, Eric Martin, Justin Iske, Christian Tolen, Cory Blackwood, Conor Pitkin, Chris Hurst.



***"The crescent
is our symbol;
pure, high,
ever-growing,
and the cross is
our guide;
denoting service,
sacrifice,
and even
suffering and
humiliation
before the world,
bravely endured
if need be,
in following
that ideal."***

-Lambda Chi Alpha Creed

Feeding the Masses

On Nov. 2, the world's largest philanthropy spread to Kirksville, courtesy of Lambda Chi Alpha social fraternity.

The North American Food Drive was sponsored by Lambda Chi chapters across the country to collect food for the needy.

"This was the world's largest philanthropy done in one day," External Vice President Chris Riechers said.

The food drive was started by Lambda Chi Alpha International. Each chapter was given a goal based on the number of members they had. The Truman chapter exceeded their goal of 5000 pounds of food by collecting 5075 pounds. Part of the reason for the Lambda Chis' success was their motivation to help a worthy cause.

"It was definitely good to know it was on a national level as well," said Christian Tolen, organizer of the event.

The success was due in part to increased community effort. In the past, the Lambda Chis relied only on the help of the local Boy Scouts. The Lambda Chis spent the week prior to the North American Food Drive going door to door in Kirksville and leaving bags to be filled with

canned goods. The next week, the bags were collected, and their contents were donated to the Kirksville Community Food Bank.

Collecting canned goods wasn't the only component of the North American Food Drive.

The Lambda Chis also stood outside of Wal-Mart and Jack's Cash Saver for a week collecting donations. They raised over \$400, which they used to buy more groceries to contribute to the drive. Like the canned goods collected, these groceries were used for the needy in Kirksville.

"Most of the people gave about a dollar and were really friendly," senior Tom Drabelle said. "They were really happy to learn all the food and cans we collected would end up here in Kirksville."

A fun activity for everyone, and Tolen's personal favorite, was trick-or-treating. Lambda Chi and Beta Theta Pi fraternities paired with Sigma Kappa and Alpha Phi sororities to collect canned goods instead of candy on Halloween.

"We got a lot of cans that way," Tolen said. "I guess people were planning on giving candy away already, so they figured why not give away canned goods as well."

Tolen hoped the Lambda Chis would continue to think of creative ways to raise more canned goods every year. Not only was it for a worthy cause, but the members enjoyed it as well, which meant a high participation level.

"It's something you really want to participate in because it's such a meaningful cause," junior Nathan Arunski said.

by Tracy Piland

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Lambda Chi Alpha

Row 1: Jim Burnette, Bill Curtis, Tysen Petre, Jason Harris, Joshua Little, Matthew Welge. Row 2: Damon Reynolds, Robert Wood, Clay Moore, Thaddeus Baker, Tom Drabelle, Thaddeus Woosley, Paul Padberg, Rick Schwarz, David Choate, Andrew Mullen, Ian Hutchinson. Row 3: Drew Heilman, Michael Jackson, Brandon Stewart, Steven Wood, Michael Gullickson, Danny Dolan, Andy Loehr, Josh Sherman, Christopher Greufe, Vesean Nixon, David Kuschel, Dave Reinhardt. Row 4: Courtney Fischer, Matthew Seydel, Brian Koenen, Eduardo Vigil, Mark England, Travis McCubbin, Bryan Daniels, Kyle Fieleke, John McMenamy.

Cooking for a Cause

Phi Kappa Tau social fraternity relied on "the force of many, the power of one" for inspiration. The fraternity's motto reflected the teamwork the men exhibited when they pulled off their biggest philanthropy.

Cookout For Kids was an annual event for the Phi Taus. The money raised from the event, after expenses were subtracted, went to the fraternity's national philanthropy, the Hole in the Wall Gang Camps.

These camps allowed children with life-threatening diseases such as leukemia, sickle-cell anemia and the HIV virus to attend a traditional summer camp which provided the special treatment they required. The goals of the camp were to provide a positive experience for terminally-ill children and to make them feel as normal as possible, all free of charge.

With this in mind, the men of Phi Tau organized and ran the fund-raising event. A week prior to the actual event, sign-up sheets were distributed to local businesses, so employees could order a barbecued meal prepared by the fraternity for only \$5.

Scott Symank, fund-raising chair for the fraternity, said the preparation went well.

"We distributed order forms a week in advance and ended up with about 250 orders," he said. "I was really happy that we had so much support from the community."

With orders placed, the job of filling them came. Starting at 6 a.m. on April 18, organizers and workers barbecued, packaged and delivered meals to over 250 members of the Kirksville community.

"The cookout is a good brotherhood event," Vice President Kevin Foster said. "Everyone gets involved and works together so that everything gets cooked and delivered on time".

The fraternity's fund raiser was a success. After the actual costs of the food and supplies, the Phi Taus were able to donate over \$500 to the camps.

Phi Tau faculty adviser Ralph Cuppelli was pleased with the success of the event.

"The cookout went very well," Cuppelli said.

"We sold more meals than we have in the past, and things were better organized.

"It is an accomplishment when you are able to prepare and deliver 250 meals in just a few hours."

As the 1997 school year drew to a close, the future of the Phi Taus looked promising. The fraternity took 20 new members and the brothers, both old and new, were optimistic about the future of the fraternity.

The Phi Taus planned for a fulfilling and exciting 1997-98 school year. The chapter was planned for and looked forward to its 10-year anniversary of colonization at Truman State University.

by Cliff Frasher

"...I believe in the spirit of brotherhood for which it stands. I shall strive to attain its ideals, and by doing so to bring to it honor and credit. I shall be loyal to my college and my chapter and shall keep strong my ties to them that I retain the spirit of youth. I shall be a good and loyal citizen..."

-Phi Kappa Tau creed excerpt

Phi Kappa Tau

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Phi Kappa Tau

Row 1: Eric Olivieri, Brian Wickman, membership orientator; Mike Tumminello, president; Tom Cella, membership orientator; Marcus Rosenburg, vice-president; Erik Booth, secretary; Matt Phillips. Row 2: Ed Fischer, James LeMay, Nick DePreter, Jason Lepper, Jeff Wagner, Jim Hudson, Dan Killian, Scott Symank, Bryan Lay, Saamant Sharma, Brian Eichholz, Sam Balsey, Kevin Foster, John Fahrenkrog. Row 3: Jonathan Waitukurtis, Augustin Simmons, Ben Owens, Ben Douglas, Taylor Cunningham, Andy Guethle, Bryan James, David Crawford, Matthew Muren, Travis Miles, Dax Marquez, Ryan Hoshor, Brian Basich, Jason Ramthun. Row 4: Shawn Simpson, Ryan Fritsch, Jim Rohr, Mark Butler, Kevin Stucker, Joe Frank, Cliff Frasher, Brandon Haus, Josh Meyer, Chris Martin, Chris Foulk, Zac Wilson.



Sophomore Ben Owens and senior Brian Wickman prepare to grill chickens at the Phi Kappa Tau Cookout for Kids held April 18. The meals were prepared to raise money for the fraternity's philanthropy event, the Hole in the Wall Gang Camps. The camps were free of charge for terminally-ill children.



Senior Joe Gentile handles some chicken at the cookout Phi Kappa Tau members sponsored. Members of the Kirksville community ordered the meals through sign-up sheets at their offices. They purchased their meals for \$5.

Senior Jim Rohr and sophomore Christy Straatmann sport their 1970s clothing at the Shaft party held April 12 at a Phi Tau member's house. The theme of the party was derived from the 1970s movie "Shaft." Phi Taus also played music from the time period. (photos by Cliff Frasher)

Isolation Unifies

Convenience was a way of life for every college student. For the men of Phi Kappa Theta social fraternity, inconvenience may have been more like their way of life, but it was definitely not their state of mind.

In the fall of 1993, when the old Phi Kap house burnt down, the fraternity purchased the old Alpha Gamma Rho house on North Osteopathy Street, over five miles from campus. Resting on a remote five acres of land, the Phi Kap's house was not exactly the most convenient place for its members to live.

That did not seem to bother the over 25 men who lived in the Phi Kap house. Even though their house was so removed from campus, the Phi Kaps wouldn't have had it any other way.

"It's cool living all the way out here because it is just us out here, only Phi Kaps," senior Scott Southard said. "We are not surrounded by students and campus."

Southard volunteered to live in the house in 1997. Two years earlier, his first year at the house, Southard was drafted.

Members who lived in the house were selected first on a volunteer basis. Any member of the fraternity could volunteer to live in the house any year. If after volunteers were selected there were still spaces to fill, the fraternity held a draft to select members to live in the house for the following year. Draftees had to live in the house or find a replacement.

For most members, the house's remote location was an opportunity to bring unity.

"It gives us a chance to become really tight with all the brothers, hanging out here all the time," junior Luke Claeys said. "You become better friends with everyone with the house being so far away. We are always depending on each other to get by."

With the house so far from campus, the Phi Kaps turned to each other for help with homework, personal issues and even cooking tips. They often depended on one another for rides to campus to save gas money.

"People are always here at the house," sophomore Greg Hargedorn said. "I could get help with anything at any given time."

For the Phi Kaps, living in isolation was not an inconvenience but a unifying factor which made them strong.

by Jennifer Sigman

Phi Kappa Theta members and alumni chat with one another at the Founder's Day event held in April. Members took advantage of the nice weather with outdoor activities. Members played sand volleyball and horseshoes with alumni. (photo by Laura Hoechst)



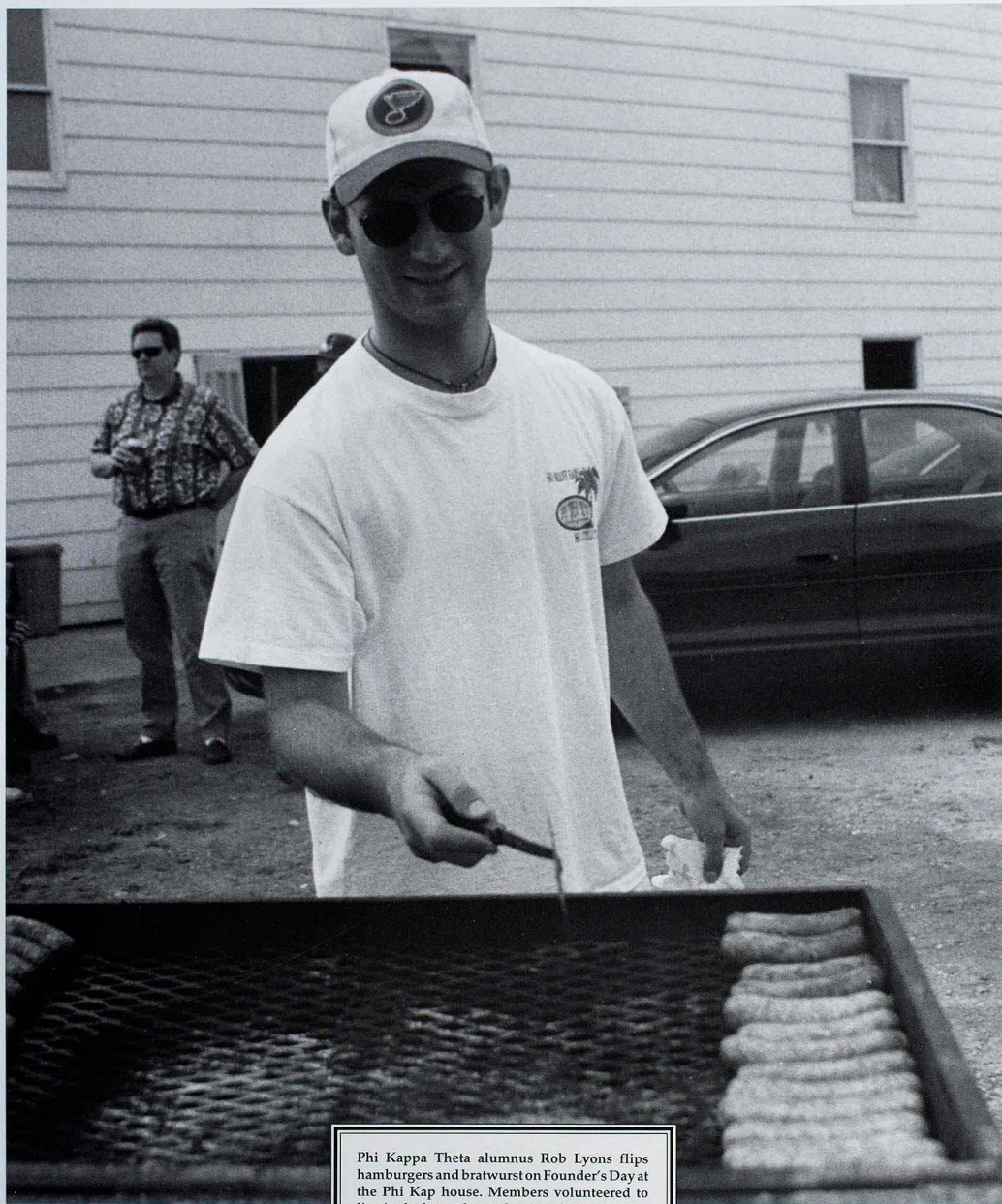
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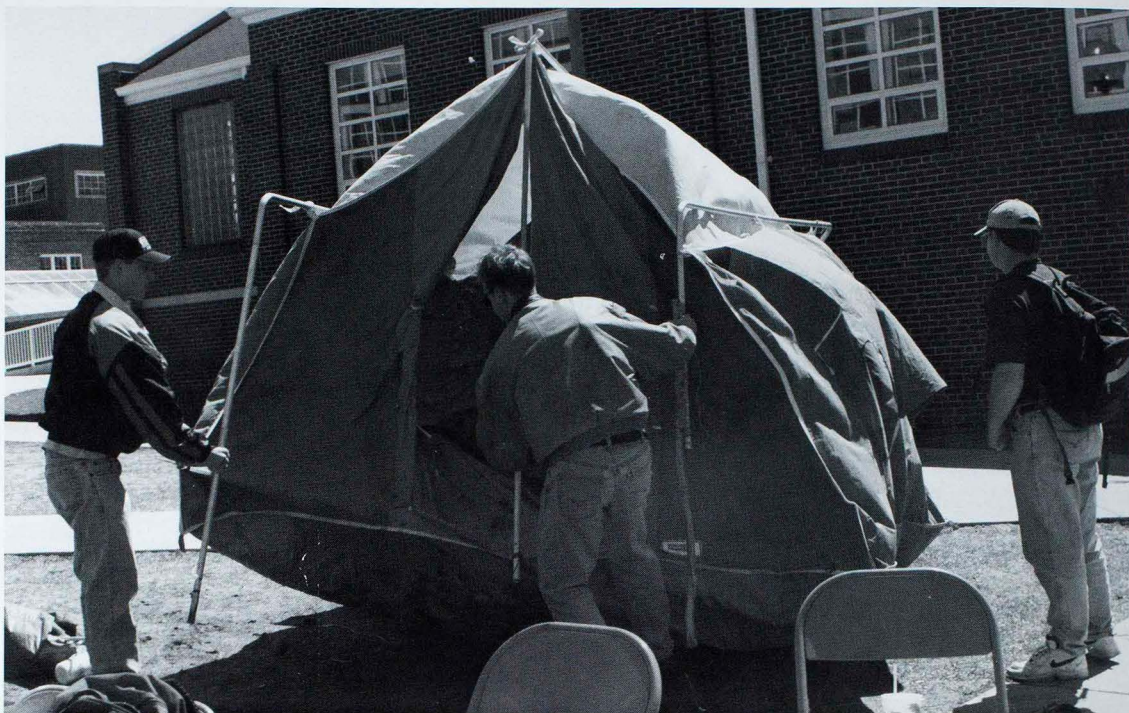
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Row 1: Chad Giesmann, secretary; Chris Gansner, housing; Michael Wood, seargent at arms; Terry Manker, president; Scott Meis, vice president; Scott Hood, treasurer; Neil Hancock, interfraternity council. Row 2: David Repovich, Sean Hixon, Jeff Melching, Christopher Stahl, Jeremy Huffman, Ben Hanewinkel, Scott Hess, Justus Bacott, Tim Leipholtz, Darin Henderson. Row 3: Jay Hendren, Derek Burr, David Meyer, Jason Fritz, Reed McAllister, Dwayne Denton, John Pa, Justin Hastings, Kevin Dooley, Pat Kirchhoefer. Row 4: Jason Bridwell, song leader; Luke Claeys, corresponding secretary; Mike Bornfleth, Brandon Selle, Brett Romine, Marty Stohldrier, Matt Strickler, Scott Swindler.



Phi Kappa Theta alumnus Rob Lyons flips hamburgers and bratwurst on Founder's Day at the Phi Kap house. Members volunteered to live in the house located on North Osteopathy. The fraternity held a draft to fill room vacancies. (photos by Laura Hoechst)

Sophomore Curtis Bingham, senior Tyson Riemann and sophomore David Ahrens set up a tent on the Mall for the Phi Lambda Chi annual philanthropy event, Camp on the Mall. Phi Lambda Chi members camped out for Victim Support Services for a week in the middle of April. The members were joined in the event by the sisters of Alpha Sigma Alpha. (photo by Laura Hoechst)



Phi Lambda Chi Alumni Adviser William Murray thinks over some plans before a fraternity meeting in mid April. Murray served as a co-adviser with Chris Lantz. The two advisers frequently met on Sunday evenings before fraternity meetings to go over the schedule. (photo by Hemal Patel)

Phi Lambda Chi Adviser Chris Lantz discusses new fraternity information with Alumni Adviser William Murray. The advisers attended the same high school and university and held the same summer job as a lifeguard, but they did not know each other before Lantz came to Truman in 1995. (photo by Hemal Patel)



***"Phi Lambda Chi
is an organiza-
tion that believes
there are benefits
to be derived
from close asso-
ciation with
others."***

***-Phi Lambda Chi mission
statement***

Similar Backgrounds

It was a small world after all.

When William Murray was about to retire from the University as a professor of art in 1995, he was also retiring from his position of adviser for Phi Lambda Chi social fraternity. He was a founding father as well as their adviser.

"I got a call from a cousin of mine saying that a friend of his daughter's was coming in for an interview and could I show him around," Murray said.

One week before arriving in Kirksville, Chris Lantz, assistant professor of exercise science, called Murray only to discover that although they were years apart in age, they had many things in common.

Both men came from the same hometown of Grafton, W.Va., went to the same high school, had the same summer job as lifeguards at a nearby beach and both attended West Virginia University. They also discovered their parents worked at the same job together.

Lantz arrived at Truman State University in 1995 and became the adviser for the Phi Lamps. The same year, Murray became the alumni adviser for the fraternity.

"My job is to maintain continuity through-

out the years," Murray said.

The fraternity members were pleased with the transition to Lantz.

"I have only good things to say about him," President Martin Hammond said. "Dr. Lantz's coming in is going to be a smooth transition back to where we were, without any problems."

The two advisers worked very well together. Both attended the weekly meetings and other events. They attributed it to a strong alumni association and the ability to grow as friends.

"If one of us can't be there, we make sure the other is," Murray said. "Our background helps. You work together better, more quickly."

The similar backgrounds of Murray and Lantz allowed them to work better with each other and the members of Phi Lambda Chi. Hammond said the fraternity was grateful and lucky to have two such helpful and supportive advisers.

The Phi Lamps had 24 members, and hoped for future growth.

"We'd love to get anywhere between 40 and 50, but not any more than that," said junior Nick Evans, public relations chairman.

Phi Lamb philanthropies were Planned Parenthood and Victim Support Services. Every fall, the fraternity held a Camp on the Mall, soliciting donations for VSS. Evans said approximately \$500 to \$600 was usually raised in donations.

Due to the group's small size, everyone gave their all to the philanthropies.

"We all have to do a lot more," Evans said. "There's a lot more commitment involved."

by Laura Hoffman

Phi Lambda Chi

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Phi Lambda Chi

Row 1: Chris Thomas, sentinel; Skip Guggenmos, secretary; Martin Hammond, president; Jeff Welsch, vice president; James Freer, treasurer, Chris Lantz, adviser. Row 2: Chris Yeager, Brett Vito, Corey Keller, David Ahrens, Matthew Graves, Eric Eckert, Jeff Driggers, Tyson Ricmann, Patrick Madden, Scott Slaughter. Row 3: Jason Studley, John Palmer, Greg Gaydos, Aaron Schumann, Chico Johnson, Andrew Little, John Slama, Nick Evans, Bryan Wakefield. Row 4: Jon Lehman, Rob Loseman, Chris Nix.

Blast from the Past

To the men of Phi Sigma Kappa social fraternity, college was all about moving ahead. It was a time to see new places, experience new things and build new friendships.

Oddly, they did this by traveling back in time.

Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity members partied with 100 of the greatest hits from the 1980s when, for the first time, they hosted a retro 80s party at their house. They chose popular music from the 80s, including hit songs by Michael Jackson, Prince and Vanilla Ice.

Throughout the night, many of the men were seen in pink polo shirts with sweaters over their shoulders. Several women dressed for the times in fluorescent-colored shirts and tight-rolled jeans. The fraternity members and the women who attended the party danced, socialized and just had a good time. An attempt by the men to breakdance on a piece of cardboard in the middle of the dance floor highlighted the night.

Social chair Steve Davis said his fraternity chose to host the party after senior John Gisi suggested it.

"He graduates this semester and asked if we could have an 80s party before he leaves," Davis

said.

The men of Phi Sigma Kappa took a lot of effort to prepare and advertise for their party. The men put up a big banner in front of the Student Union Building inviting all women to attend, ran a stereo one day in front of the SUB, and wore special T-shirts, all as advertisement. They also prepared four tapes complete with 80s music and hung flyers throughout campus.

Two Truman students, sophomores Jen Henry and Jen Kidd, attended the party and thought it was fun to see people dressed up in old styles and dancing to old songs.

"It reminded me of the past, and reminiscing was fun," Kidd said. "I can't believe I still remember the words to those crazy songs!"

The party was such a success Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity members considered making it an annual event. Davis said the fraternity thought about making it an all-Greek party.

When not celebrating the past, the fraternity focused on solving problems of the present. The year saw members participating in the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for the Heart, where elementary children played games to improve their cardiovascular fitness.

Also, the men assisted in the annual fundraising campaign for the Northeast Association for Citizens with Disabilities' St. Patrick's Day run. At the run, Kirksville native and parapalegic Mark Desinger wheeled to inspire others with disabilities.

The men of Phi Sigma Kappa also helped their national philanthropy, the Special Olympics.

by Alyssa Conine

**Brotherhood.
Scholarship.
Character.**

**-Phi Sigma Kappa
Cardinal Principles**

Phi Sigma Kappa

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Phi Sigma Kappa

Row 1: Matthew Cole, recording secretary; Michael Schirdewahn, corresponding secretary; John Gisi, vice-president; Will Robinette, sentinel. Row 2: Chris Tilley, Andrew House, Steve Weng, Nathan Brewer, Steven Davis, Jay Terwilliger, Jesse Crews, J.D. Shultz, Sean Beste, Mike Luigs. Row 3: Andy Fra, Michael Wargin, David Piant, Chad Morales, Sam Kinney, Mike Lewis.



Students bust a move at the Phi Sigma Kappa Blast from the Past party held March 14. The house was filled with 80s music for the new theme's premier. The fraternity members prepared the music on tapes before the party started and party goers appeared to enjoy the sounds, reminiscent of their junior high and high school years.



Senior Matt Houser, junior Nathan Brewer, Maryann Jackson and freshmen Shauna Hardin, Megan Boatright, Tim Repp, Brittany Worley and Leisel Breck show their enthusiasm in denim from the 80s. Party-goers wore styles from the 80s to enhance the mood. Another trend that returned was tight-rolled jeans.

Freshmen Ken Webb and Liesel Breck take a quick break from dancing and chat. Dancers hit the floor to music by the Bangles, Wham, Rick Springfield and many others. Dance moves were also revived at the party with attempts at breakdancing. (photos by Hemal Patel)

Pushing Expectations

They sat on scaffolds. They pushed a wheelchair for one hundred hours without stopping. One even rode across America on his bike.

And near the end of the year, the members of Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity were well on their way to topping the \$1200 they raised for their philanthropy in 1995.

The Pi Kap philanthropy, PUSH America, was not just a way to help people with disabilities across the country. It was also a way to have fun. On local and national levels, members participated in a wide range of projects.

The main purpose of PUSH America was to raise funds and awareness for people with developmental disabilities. Pi Kappa Phi was the only national fraternity to start and maintain its own philanthropy. Since PUSH America was established in 1977, the Pi Kaps raised \$4 million nationally.

Junior Doug Barth alone raised over \$4000 for PUSH when he participated in the *Journey of Hope*, an event sponsored by Pi Kappa Phi nationally which raised over \$300,000 in 1995. Barth biked across the United States, cycling from San Francisco to Washington, D.C.

"I saw it as an awesome opportunity to raise awareness for people with disabilities," Barth said. He was the third local member to ride in the *Journey of Hope*.

The Pi Kaps raised money on campus by holding several attention-getting events. They held a five-day scaffold sit in front of the Student Union Building to solicit donations from passers-by and raised over \$200.

"It's not just about like raising money and bringing awareness, but it's a good time for us to hang out and it's something to do," Pi Kap President Brian Graham said.

The Push-A-Thon in the fall raised money by wheeling brothers around campus and around town in a wheelchair for 100 hours straight.

Pi Kaps also worked to improve PUSH camps, campgrounds for people with disabilities.

"A lot of times, the guys that go to the PUSH Camps give up there spring break to do that," Graham said. "They'll get a good-sized group of guys together, and basically, it's a road trip."

by Jon Fitzsimmons

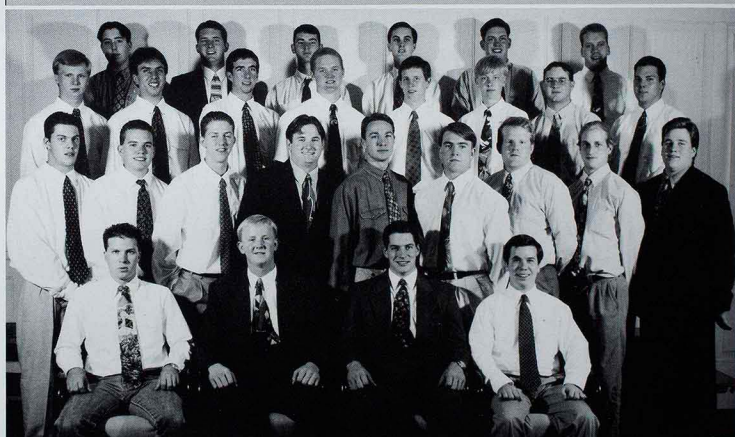


Pi Kappa Phi

Row 1: Mark Mueller, vice archon internal; Tim Sedovic, warden; Brian Graham, archon; Brandon Mueller, vice archon external; Brian Makiney, historian. Row 2: Mike Heeley, Jamie Goodwin, Jason Bruer, Benjamin Aranda, Garrett Smith, Andy Quinn, Aaron M. Emerson, Jason Saucier, Erik Presnell, Scott Richmond, Mike Brunner. Row 3: Todd Schmidt, Chris Griffin, Tim O'Brien, Matt Strickland, Jim Cain, Robb Richmiller, John Sebben, Sam Nau, Mason Klippel, Scott Simmons. Row 4: Justin Thomas, Gavin Brady, Chris Ziegemeier, Scott Kuchinski, Chris Wraughton, Garth Erikson, Will Blicharz, Mark Miller, Joe Morgan.

Pi Kappa Phi

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Pi Kappa Phi

Row 1: J.T. Wiley, chaplain; Doug Barth, secretary; Austin Moore, collecting treasurer; Steve Schneider, recording treasurer. Row 2: Ehren Hart, David Vratny, Mike Mueller, Garrick Hamilton, Justin Andrews, Chuck Northrup, Joel Maisenhelder, William Word, III, Drew Fussner. Row 3: Matt Campbell, John Burns, Andrew Gleason, Nathan Miller, David Pennington, Joe Clemmer, Brent Heckart, Craig Nielsen. Row 4: Bob Duffy, Garrick R. Noland, Brent D. Bock, Damon Hays, Todd Nelson, Brian Sammelmann.



Senior Bill Ward confers with senior Dan Colby and freshman Christopher Wroughten while freshmen Dave Pennington and Joe Morgan attempt to solicit donations by sitting on the scaffold. PUSH America was a national Pi Kappa Phi philanthropy which donated time and money to disabled children. Since PUSH America was founded in 1977, over \$4 million has been raised nationwide. (photo by Hemal Patel)

Senior Susan Senger commands the KNEU microphone. Not only was Senger a valued member of Sigma Chi Delta, serving as secretary, she also was the program director at KNEU for the fall semester. Sigma Chi Delta members took active roles in numerous other campus organizations, including Cardinal Key, Order of Omega and many dorm senate committees. Beyond the campus community, Sigma Chi Delta also took a role in the local community, adopting the Northeast Community Action Agency as their main philanthropy. (photo by Hemal Patel)



Sigma Chi Delta

Sigma Chi Delta

Row 1: Jenny Loewen, pledge educator; Becca Pestine, parliamentarian; Amy Krakowiecki, vice president; Mary Lagermann, president; Liz Skrabacz, panhellenic representative; Susan Senger, secretary; Megan McCracken, treasurer. Row 2: Kerry Scott, Kelly Campbell, Leanna Graham, Krista Witowski, Caryn Stahlschmidt, Melanie Jones, Michelle Marshall, Natalie Whitten, Angela Binversie, Amy Tanner, Linda Elbert, Michelle Pattavina, Jenn Payne. Row 3: Stephanie Smith, Julie Sigel, Kym Zimmer, Polly Waters, Dawn Dries, Mary Ellen Hanff, Stephanie Hoffman, Jennifer Mang.



Jeans and a T-shirt

For most sororities, jeans and a T-shirt were not appropriate rush attire.

Sigma Chi Delta was not like most sororities.

A local sorority rather than national, Sigma Chi Delta held an informal rush.

Thirty-five women rushed during the fall, which was an average turnout. This year, 15 pledges were accepted by the sorority.

Sigma Chi Delta members thought their informal rush promoted more natural behavior instead of making rushees feel like they needed to impress people. In their opinion, this more accurately reflected the personality of the sorority than a formal rush would have.

"People are more apt to be comfortable (at an informal rush)," said Mary Lagermann Sigma Chi Delta President.

The five-day rush week attempted to offer a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

The first day of the rush was an informational meeting for rushees and Sigma Chi Delta members to get to know each other. On the second day, members and rushees played sand volleyball. The third day brought a scavenger hunt. On the fourth day, the women went to the

lake at Thousand Hills State Park for a barbecue. The week ended with a progressive dinner on the fifth day. The rushees and members alike enjoyed the week.

"It was fun," junior Sarah Noehl said. "I had no idea what greek life was about when I went to the first rush function, but it was a good way to meet people."

"Informal rush makes me feel more comfortable," junior Krista Witowski said. "I can just meet people." Witowski liked the progressive dinner and said it allowed her to talk one-on-one with the rushees.

The rush was followed by pledge season. Pledges did not know when the season would end and they would become actives. Noehl said the pledge season was busy, but still fun.

As a local sorority, Sigma Chi Delta's only chapter was in Kirksville at Truman.

Thirteen students began Sigma Chi Delta five years ago. Members of the sorority governed themselves since they had no national body to rule over them. This created more leadership opportunities within the sorority.

With only 41 actives and 15 pledges, the sorority was small, and members planned to keep it that way. The founding mothers did not want the membership to exceed 75. Members liked the small size because it helped them stay close-knit.

Though the sorority was local, its members participated in the same activities that the national sororities on campus did, including Greek Week, Homecoming and Lakeside Revue.

by Liz Lach

***"To bring
together
individuals
from diverse
backgrounds
in order to
create a strong
sisterhood
through social,
spiritual
and intellectual
interaction."***

-Sigma Chi Delta Purpose

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Sigma Chi Delta

Row 1: Heidy Williford, Kelly Johnson, Jessica Schaefer, Jenny Ballew, Shelly Grail, Joy Hutcherson, Christy Geiger. Row 2: Jeannie Redding, Andrea Kliegl, Jessica Harper, Julie Weggesser, Kim Kovash, Jacque Morgan, Holly Harmes, Crystal Williams, Paige Riggenbach, Jennifer Schlicht, Kristen Wirkus, Jennifer Branson. Row 3: Cara Mueller, Denys Freyling, Elizabeth Wilson, Rebecca Jannin, Sarah Noehl, Melissa Cahill.

Inviting Crushes

Freshman Downey Fitzgerald was not sure what to think when a group of girls showed up at his dorm room with a bottle of soda and a T-shirt.

"It was my first Crush," he said. "I didn't really know what to expect...I didn't even know who invited me, but it was definitely exciting receiving an invitation."

Each year in late February, the members of Sigma Kappa social sorority celebrated Crush.

This 11-year tradition was the brainchild of two former social chairs thinking of a new party theme.

"They wanted something a little different," social chair Carrie Phillips said.

For Crush, each member of the sorority invited two men she had a crush on. This was followed by Sig Kaps serenading and delivering the invitations to the men about a week and a half before the event.

The men received an anonymous invitation, a T-shirt and a bottle of Orange Crush™. They did not know who invited them.

The party was held at the Shrine Club and went from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. At about 10:30 p.m. the Club began to fill.

"It (Crush) has the biggest turn out, of any party, each year," Phillips said.

Members agreed Crush was more laid back than other date parties. A Sig Kap did not have to entertain a date because she had the option of remaining anonymous.

"It's my favorite party of the year," junior Kerri Anson said.

Some men became a little sour when they couldn't figure out who invited them. Phillips said one guest sat and pouted when she wouldn't tell him who had invited him.

Anson said it was more of an invitation-only party than a date party. Because of the party's carefree nature, she said it was better if members did not have a boyfriend.

The decorations, streamers and candy were all orange, and many Sig Kaps wore orange T-shirts to symbolize the Crush theme.

"It was very time consuming to put together the invite lists, who ordered which shirts for who and do they have the money," Phillips said.

In addition, delivery of the invitations was done by hand. If an invitee was not present, the Sig Kaps kept coming back again and again.

Fortunately, nothing was as outrageous as the previous year. At the last Crush a guest broke one of the Shrine Club's chandeliers and was kicked out. Since it was toward the end of the night, Phillips said nobody minded too much.

"It (Crush) was really nice," Fitzgerald said. "I found out who invited me and had an awesome night."

by Andrew Warner

**"One Heart,
One Way."**

-Sigma Kappa motto

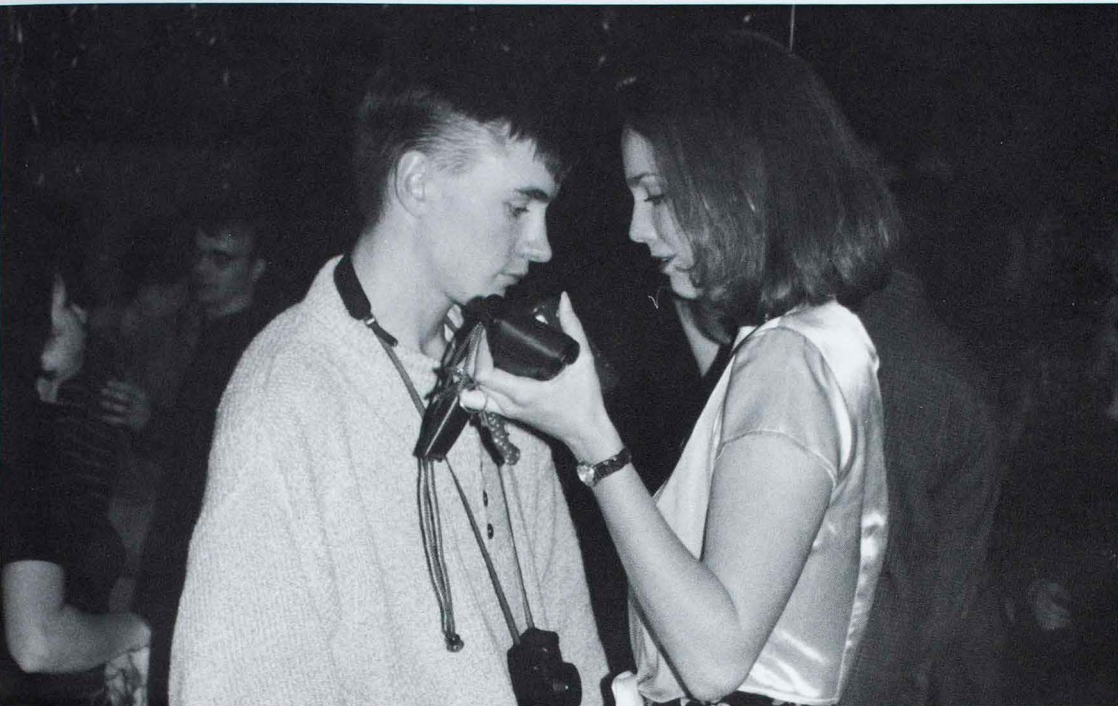
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Row 1: Heather Field, recording secretary; Jamie Neal, vice president of scholarship; Sarah Mason, panhellenic social service chair; Christine Sluhan, executive vice president; Angie Burke, vice president of pledge education; Wendy Ergle, vice president of alumni relations; Michelle Thevil, treasurer. Row 2: Natalie Maenza, Jennifer Burroughs, Amanda Crenshaw, Vivian Ladas, Kerri Phillips, Emily Salem, Gia Tummillo, Jeni Cook, Becca Kniffen, Melinda Braband, Kim Quigg, Melissa Gill, Julie Rissman, Julie Loftus, Kenna Johnson, Chris Forcelledo. Row 3: Renee Robinett, Laura Meade, Lori Chandler, Natalie Fischer, Kelly Malone, Jennifer Watrous, Janna Meyer, Susan Henderson, Sharon Bader, Rebecca Huber, Stacey Ludy, Emily Wolpers, Christy Friederichs, Sara Stienecker, Tiffani Truitt, Kerri Carter. Row 4: Regina Franke, Kim McGrath, Kristen Villhard, Karin Nott, Natalie Griffin, Lisa Kralina, Nikki Kindler, Leslie Graff, Amanda Stienecker, Laura Shady, Mary Medder, Amber Hendricks, Darcey Kemp.



Senior Tysen Petre and junior Mandy Sullivan dance at the Crush party held in the Shrine Club. The sorority sisters invited their crushes to the party anonymously. The crushes didn't know who invited them, and some never found out. In addition to the Crush party, the Sigma Kappa women were involved in philanthropies such as Alzheimer's research, Inherit the Earth, Gerontology, Maine Sea Coast Mission and Adopt-a-Highway. (photo by Hemal Patel)



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Sigma Kappa

Row 1: Meredith Polak, Stephanie Keller, Mandy Sullivan, panhellenic delegate; Angie Green, president; Stephanie Taylor; Robin Post, Liz Kolwyck. Row 2: Elizabeth Mals, Lara Kirschner, Elizabeth Fullington, Elizabeth Poppe, Sara Roslansky, Lisa Becker, Susie Weis, Crystal Lounsbury, Hope Wallis, Sarah Lohse, Alecia Sutter, Ashley Marx, Myra Cleckner, Amy Westrich, Carla Klahs, Melissa Moore, Becca Svuba. Row 3: Alison Chase, Becky Russell, Liz Mazur, Megan McBride, Pamela Dangremond, Kerri Cruikshank, Julie Neal, Chrystal Paulos, Colleen Wieggers, Sara Rosenkoetter, Stacie Garcia, Meredith Allee, Jackie Graham, Catherine Sanders, Becky Owens, Shannon Bruns.

Running for a Brother

It was lending a foot for a brother in need.

On April 20, 96 members of Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity took part in the Vince Lukowski run. They ran a 130-mile relay from Kirkville to Hannibal, Mo., to raise money for a fraternity brother.

Vince Lukowski, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, was injured in a car accident in the 1980s and paralyzed from the waist down. Lukowski resided at the Beth Haven nursing home in Hannibal.

The fraternity kept in touch with Lukowski and continued to support him. One way of expressing their support was the 10th annual relay to raise money for Lukowski's needs.

Members of the fraternity raised money for every mile they ran by pledging \$10 each. Together they raised between \$1,000 and \$1,200 for Lukowski. In past years, the money was used to purchase a big-screen television, an aviary and a gazebo for the nursing home. The 1997 money was donated to the nursing home for the purchase of medical equipment.

The Sig Eps enjoyed helping out a brother.

"It makes you feel good about helping one of your brothers out that needs you," philanthropy chair Brian Hey said.

Each brother ran a marked mile. After finishing the relay, they presented a check to Paul Ewert, the head administrator of Beth Haven.

During the relay, the runners usually passed along some item or memento to keep their spirits up, somewhat like the Olympic torch.

"This year a fraternity brother was diagnosed with cancer," President Matt Strohschein said. "So we will carry something of his to pass along during the relay to let both brothers know they are in our thoughts."

The Sig Eps developed a scholarship to be given in Lukowski's name with the help of Beth Haven. In 1996, Ewert presented the chapter with a check to set up a scholarship in Lukowski's honor. The recipient was a fraternity member.

The Sig Eps remembered Lukowski not just during the relay, but throughout the year.

"It's the least we can do to show our support and let him know we're still thinking about him," senior Jeremy Struttman said. "We try to send as many guys down to visit him as possible every year."

by Jill Snitker



Sigma Phi Epsilon

Row 1: David Tischinski, vice president of membership; Rob Halterman, vice president of programming; Jason Miller, president; Matthew Stack, vice president of recruitment; Tom Hawickhorst, vice president of finance. Row 2: Michael Leatherman, Justin Dorsey, Brad LaConte, Jake Jones, Brian Clever, Stuart Heavin, Douglass Pytlinski, Christian Chenoweth, Soren Sorensen. Row 3: Dan Neal, Chris Hanff, Dan Fritz, Jason Harre, Matt Hixson, Brian Redders, Billy Coury, Joe Yates, Mike Varrone, Tim Nenninger, Kevin Kovarik, Alan Doty, Joe Betz. Row 4: Jim Cunningham, Cory Mann, Kyle Kuhlman, Josh Burgdorf, Dave Block, Rich Hibbs, Joel Rodemeyer, Daniel Brady, Robert Kellogg, Mark Mower, Mathew Mower.

Sigma Phi Epsilon

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Sigma Phi Epsilon

Row 1: Jeffrey Eckrich, Ian Smith, Mike Sluhan, Matthew Strohschein, Brian Boyle, Trey Luina. Row 2: Jason Williams, Chuck Miller, Neil Hurst, Kurt Sherwood, Chris Minnis, Doug Hale, Jason Wright, Aaron Huckstep, Brad Neal, Jason Mueller. Row 3: Nathan Graves, Garth Hentges, Zack Keys, Rhys Boschert, Jason Davey, Robert Tucker, Brian Peeters, Ryan Sherry, Brian Hey, Michael Bokermann, Jason Moore. Row 4: Chad Lager, Chris Marsh, Scott Wheatly, Rusty Williamson, Chris Becker, Mark O'Brien, Matt Grimes, Jared Hauskins, Jeremy Struttman, Matt Trego, Chris O'Neal.



Vince Lukowski, junior Sean Auchenbach and senior Randy Leopando relax at the Beth Haven nursing home in Hannibal, Mo. Sig Eps ran from Kirksville to Hannibal to raise money for Lukowski, who was paralyzed from the waist down in an automobile accident. (photo submitted)

Senior Keri Watson, sophomore Amy Fuller and junior Sandra Kalsow jump rope for their philanthropy on April 17 in front of McClain Hall. The members of Sigma Sigma Sigma collected donations and took pledges for the Robbie Page Memorial. The goal for the philanthropy was for each member to raise \$10. The Robbie Page Memorial foundation was set up to provide toys and other supplies to children recovering from surgery. (photo by Hemal Patel)



Sigma Sigma Sigma

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Row 1: Alison Kniker, non-voting panhellenic; Megan Edwards, education director; Jen Goedeker, vice-president; Ellen Baldi, president; Jill Gaffney, treasurer; Julie Fernandez, rush director; Gina Lafata, panhellenic representative. Row 2: Debbie Zeni, Sarah Swenson, Shannon Hamilton, Lisa Walker, Stephanie Kidd, Katie Ryan, Tricia Welch, Carrie Riefstahl, Jenni Haider, Michelle Bert, Kate Felke, Amy Lessmann, Natalie Wilson, Tanya Laws, Susan Winkler. Row 3: Julie Loehner, Gina Gruetmeyer, Amy Aitken, Heather Blackburn, Courtney Gann, Jamie Wagner, Anne Fehlig, Abigail Moore, Nichole Hoelscher, Tracy Higgins, Sherri Fisher, Amy Clark, Krista Grueninger, Sarah Garwood.



"Faithful unto death"

-Sigma Sigma Sigma Creed

Dedication to Service

A simple math equation was the entire basis of Sigma Sigma Sigma social sorority's philanthropy.

Through a national effort, the Tri-Sigmas set a goal for each of their 121 members to raise \$10 each for the Robbie Page Memorial Foundation.

The Robbie Page Memorial, located in Chapel Hill, NC, was a foundation set up to provide toys and other supplies to children recovering from surgery. Through various activities, the Tri-Sigmas focused their entire philanthropy around providing for that cause.

"This is a major focus of our sorority," President Shannon Hamilton said. "We believe in helping the community, and we truly believe in the welfare of children."

"Jump for Robbie" started on midnight April 16 and ended April 18. It was a 36-hour span in which Tri-Sigmas jumped rope non-stop outside of McClain Hall collecting pledges and donations.

"Through volunteering their time, it is a way for the girls (Tri-Sigmas) to earn their \$10 through the pledges and donations," chair Kathy Hechst said.

"Balloons for Robbie" was another project

which consisted of handing balloons out to small children at Wal-Mart. Donations were collected at the same time. A garage sale was yet another way in which the members worked at raising money.

New activities were attempted such as "Bagels in Bed" in which people could order bagels with cream cheese and have it sent to a friend. Orders were taken throughout the week, and on the following Saturday, Tri-Sigmas delivered the bagels.

"We do many, many activities for our national philanthropy which allows us to be more involved with the campus," philanthropy chair Courtney Jeter said.

Through philanthropy, Tri-Sigmas fit their image of service in the community. The various projects were an attempt to raise money for the memorial fund and benefit Truman as well.

"We have three big parts to our sorority," Jeter said. "Academics, social and service make up Tri-Sigmas and allow us to better serve our national philanthropy."

Answering the math equation was a major goal for the Tri-Sigmas. It became the foundation of the sorority and the center of their philanthropy. "Jump for Robbie" and "Balloons for Robbie" were just a few ways in which Tri-Sigmas were able to contribute to a worthwhile cause while involving the campus and community as well. Through the various activities, Tri-Sigmas gave students a chance to contribute to a wonderful cause. The equation showed the true image of sorority—community service, campus involvement and the welfare of children.

by Jeremy Early



Sigma Sigma Sigma

Row 1: Holly Harrell, Kelly Koboldt, Michelle Bergmann, Kelly Brahan, Mindi Davis, Amy Malkowski, Brandi Ball, Kimberly Cone, Becky Bruns, Katie Hill. Row 2: Paula Aguilar, Julia Bender, Laura Schmidt, Amanda Garnier, Adrienne Gerke, Jennifer Skalski, Amy Fuller, Heather Harber, Sheri Borders, Megan Brandenstein, Elizabeth Ebeling, Lisa Berry, Andrea Menke, Angela York, Keegan Henderson, Kristine Carpenter. Row 3: Keri Watson, Liz Roling, Sara Limbaugh, Julie Hiatt, Lisa Jones, Elesha Brennan, Julie Schell, Sarah Lord, Kathy Hechst, Christine Pesout, Kristen Estes, Kelly Perez, Beth Aubrey, Teresa Zoroufchi, Sara Kirk.

Learning Together

It wasn't easy being the best, but members of Sigma Tau Gamma social fraternity made it look that way.

Not only was the Beta Chapter named the best chapter in the nation, but senior Chad Wolbers received the national Ellsworth C. Dent Man of the Year Award, the highest honor given to an active member of the fraternity. He said he received the award thanks to the constant support of his fraternity brothers.

"The beauty of a fraternity is that it brings guys together from all over the world," Wolbers said. "My fraternity has allowed me to develop socially and given me leadership opportunities, but most importantly it has been the other guys who have taught me or that I have taught."

Sig Taus placed a big emphasis on leadership and learning. Winning the Edward H. McCune award, naming them the best chapter in the nation, for four out of the last five years was the result of this emphasis.

"I think one of the reasons that we win this award is not only the brotherhood but the guys just do a lot of things each year in one aspect or another and we just keep getting better," President Chad Moore said. "We've been good, but

we keep getting better."

The Sig Taus continued to get better through events like From Here to There in Our Underwear, which is a 10-mile walk to raise money for the Northeast Association for Citizens with Disabilities. Over \$1,600 was raised.

Other activities the fraternity participated in included the completion of the Atterbury Brotherhood Center. The addition to their house was funded through a \$125,000 donation from alumnus Dr. K. Dale Atterbury and donations from other alumni.

"I would venture to say that we have the most outstanding chapter alumni support not just out of other Sig Tau chapters, but among other organizations too," Moore said.

National recognition and the addition of the new wing helped improve rush numbers. In fall 1996 the Sig Taus took 28 new members.

"Our main goal is to make a leader," said Brian Chirco, vice president of membership. "We really promote leadership and activity in the fraternity, and we are looking for someone who can stand up for themselves."

New members learned about and became part of the rich Sig Tau history. The Beta chapter was the second Sig Tau chapter in the nation, founded in 1921.

"I've met a lot of influential people that have had a big effect on me," Chirco said. "I want to contribute my part to the 75 years of history."

Building on a strong past, developing leadership today and looking toward the future made Sigma Tau Gamma Beta Chapter the best in the nation. It was hard to get much better than that.

by Lisa Fagnani

"The true spirit of Fraternalism is a breath that breathes itself into the life and being of those who live it, becoming an unconscious part of them, ruling and molding their thoughts and acts."

-Sigma Tau Gamma Creed

Sigma Tau Gamma

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Row 1: Brad Wilkes, chaplain; Jeremy Moore, secretary; Brian Chirco, vice president of membership; Scott Bahan, executive vice president; Chad Moore, president; Nicholas Burkemper, vice president of finance; Clay St. Clair, vice president of programs; Nate Landsbaum, parliamentarian. Row 2: Mark Aker, Jacob Simmons, Craig Tushaus, Tim Dougherty, Matt Heeren, Brian Owens, Nathan Askew, Kevin Borsett, Eric Becks, Jamie Oswald, Neil Ferguson, Rob Kilpatrick, Jim Platt. Row 3: Andy Roth, James George, Chris Urban, Andy Chiodini, Scott Sedlak, Mike Schickler, Matt Brown, Ben Muccigrosso, Karl Whiteside, Matt Jones, John Phelps, Ben Pritchett. Row 4: Rick Womsley, Dan Malone, Phillip Kreutz, Ryan McCann, Matthew Adam, Douglas Krey, Shawn Sullivan.



Junior Kevin Page skillfully flips another burger as he tends the Sigma Tau Gamma grill. The Sig Taus provided free barbecue during Homecoming Week. Faculty, staff and students stood in long lines by McClain Hall, waiting for their chance to enjoy the free hotdogs and hamburgers. Sigma Tau Gamma and Delta Zeta co-sponsored the event. (photo by Hemal Patel)



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Sigma Tau Gamma

Row 1: Adam Backman, Jason Greenfield, Chad Wolbers, Kevin Page, Joel Vece, Kevin Wysocki, Tyler Mork, Christopher Kohl. Row 2: Tom Murphy, Chris Johns, Geof Newcomb, Sean Massa, Jeff Wolf, Matt Magers, Jim Hayslett. Row 3: Mike Novak, Jim Lorenz, Tim Byrd, Toby Ross, Joe O'Coin, Tim Stevener, John Shephard, Paul Mueller. Row 4: Pete Koenig, Chadd Zimmerman, Kevin Post, Jeffery Shine, Alan Hillier, Lance Meyer, Andy Sanderson, Cory Espensen, Adam Biggs.

Buddies for a Day

Small numbers didn't stop the members of Tau Kappa Epsilon social fraternity from making an impact.

The 21 TKE members worked on enhancing their image on campus as they experienced several changes.

The year started with the fraternity moving to a new house at 410 W. Michigan St. during the summer of 1996. The new house was smaller than their previous one, but in better condition.

"The new house is a lot more liveable," senior Eric Disney said.

The fraternity had many renovations in store for the house including adding a bedroom and restrooms in the basement.

The TKEs were also without their famed barn, so plans were in progress to expand the garage for parties.

The major fund-raising event for the fraternity was the Sleep-A-Thon, held in conjunction with Alpha Phi social sorority in October. Members of both groups spent 72 continuous hours on the lawn between Pickler Memorial Library and Science Hall. They raised over \$300 for the Special Olympics at Stokes Stadium on April 19.

The Special Olympics provided a chance for area athletes with disabilities to participate in Olympic activities. The TKEs participated in Special Olympics for many years, acting as companions for the participants. They attended and participated in all of the activities for the day with their buddy.

"I think it is great that all of these people show up to help and put forth the effort that is needed," sophomore Jon Nones said.

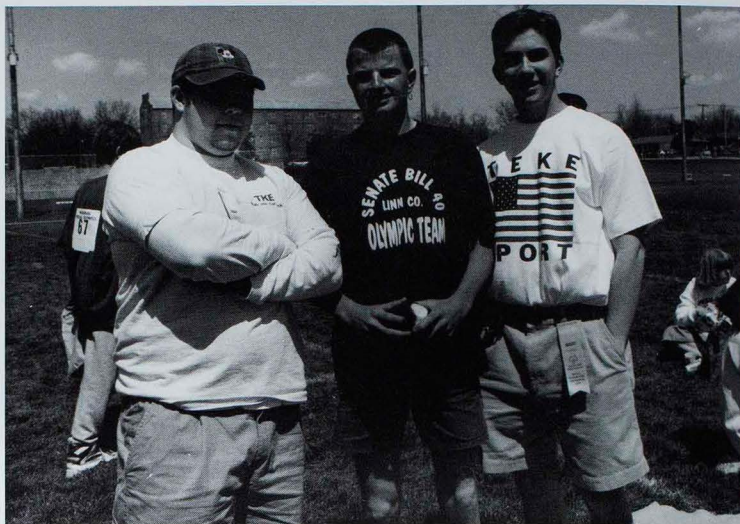
The fraternity also tried to get more involved in campus activities than in previous years. Members participated in intramural sports and the fraternity entered Lakeside Revue. With the help of Sigma Kappa social sorority, they won second place overall for their efforts.

TKE members worked hard to create a better image of their fraternity on campus. They felt their diligence paid off.

"In the last two years we have done a lot to show everyone on campus that we're here," junior Juan Cuevas said. "We are getting back on campus and letting everyone know we are still on campus."

by Cindy McCabe

Freshman Scott Morton, Special Olympics participant Adam White and senior Eric Disney gather together at the Area II Special Olympics held in Stokes Stadium. Opening ceremonies began at noon and the games started at 12:30 p.m. The Truman marching band, High Street Dancers and Mayor Robert Funk were a part of the opening ceremonies.



Tau Kappa Epsilon

TKE



Tau Kappa Epsilon

Row 1: Kevin Gaus, educator; Scott Lee, treasurer; Dakin Dugaw, president; Sri Ganta, vice president; Eric Disney, secretary; Juan Cuevas, chaplain. Row 2: Joe Selby, Jon Nones, Pete Moore, Chris Henrich, Alex Lumaghi, Brian Berger.



Senior Sri Ghanta helps Special Olympic participants prepare for their event at Stokes Stadium on April 19. The event was rescheduled due to a snow storm. The participants competed in track and field events including two wheelchair races. (photos by Laura Hoechst)

Members of Zeta Phi Beta from Truman State University and the University of Missouri-Columbia take time to get to know each other better. The members of the two chapters were able to socialize after a step show held in Columbia. Zeta Phi Beta showed off their stepping skills locally during the Homecoming Step Show. The members were also active as Salvation Army and Humane Society volunteers.



Seniors Priscilla Harris and Latosha Higgins display sorority signals with their hands. Zeta Phi Beta members participated in a statewide leadership conference in the spring. In April they helped with the Red Cross Clothing Drive.

Seniors Priscilla Harris and Karri Cherry take a break from volunteering during the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Association's Telethon. Members of Zeta Phi Beta volunteered their time behind the scenes during the telethon. The women also helped raise money for the United Nations Children's Fund by trick-or-treating for funds. (photos submitted)



**Service.
Scholarship.
Sisterhood.
Finer
womanhood.**
*-Zeta Phi Beta founding
principles*

Promoting Heritage

Through the inspiration of their heritage and the power of their ideals, the women of Zeta Phi Beta strove to make a difference in the community.

Zeta Phi Beta was an African-American servicesorority that brought the principles of scholarship, service, sisterly love and finer womanhood to the campus of Truman State University. Along with their brother fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma, the group members tried to understand their heritage and the impact they made in the community.

Zeta Phi Beta was a sorority at Truman since May of 1994. The group sponsored such events as Finer Womanhood Week, the Mr. Blue Persuasion Ball and Women's History Month quiz. They desired to show the importance and influence that women had in society and upon their lives.

"You can come to an understanding through the trials in different cultures," President Kerri Cherry said. "You gain a sense of connection of how the human experience is similar. This experience can bring different groups together."

In February to celebrate Black History Month, Zeta Phi Beta and Phi Beta Sigma traveled to

Moberly, Mo., to share the ideals that made Black History Month important to them.

Throughout the weekend different organizations discussed and informed the audience about their involvement at Truman.

The highlight of the weekend was teaching individuals the African Step, a dance which incorporated the different principles of Kwanza, a seven-day celebration of African-American ideals.

"It has given me a greater appreciation with being a part of the African-American heritage through the ideas of brotherhood, scholarship and service and by having a positive impact on the community," senior Ken Compton said.

Zeta Phi Beta continued throughout the month of March to honor women who were an inspiration to African-American women and society.

Through a Women's History Quiz they highlighted important individuals contributions to society.

A Finer Womanhood Award was given to honor 10 outstanding women who had been inspirations in individuals' everyday lives. To bring the ideas of African-American women together, the group released an anthology of essays by and about African-American women.

"It is inspiring to see the strength of diverse individuals," Cherry said. "It allows you to bring your strengths and experiences into a different light."

The group continued to grow and understand their African-American heritage.

by Sarah Schmigelisky

Zeta Phi Beta

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Zeta Phi Beta

Row 1: Priscilla Harris, secretary; Stephanie Walters, sergeant-at-arms; Karri Cherry, president; Channin Grant, Latasha Higgins, vice president.

organizations

The image of every organization at Truman was a reflection of its members, ideals and traditions. The hundreds of campus organizations represented every interest. New groups formed, and others grew larger. Organizations participated in annual events and sponsored originals. The women of Ryle Colleges burned their bras, and the Women's Resource Center celebrated the spirit of womanhood. The campus newspaper went online to reach beyond the local community. The Chinese Students Association and the International Students Club celebrated their unique cultures. Students flooded Pershing Arena as the Student Activities Board welcomed Jars of Clay. Nature lovers got back to basics as Alpha Phi Omega and Explorer Post ventured outdoors. It was music to everyone's ears as Phi Mu Alpha, Franklin Street, Sigma Alpha Iota and Unique Ensemble shared their talents. Professional organizations explored academic development, leaving their members with experience which went beyond resumés. For some organizations, fun was the main focus. Love of the sport brought national attention to the rugby and roller hockey teams. It was all treat and no trick as CHANL led local ghosts and goblins through the dorms. Residents of Dobson Hall opted to leave their dwelling for a good time, filling the courtyard with music and fun. Throughout it all, the Lightkeepers kept Truman out of darkness. The sun may have set, but it always rose again.

Create An Image

Elizabeth Kelly, Section Editor/Designer



Violette Hall

To better house faculty, improve laboratory facilities, and renovate classroom space, Violette Hall undergoes massive renovations. Violette Hall became unavailable for use when construction on the building began in December 1996. Many classes, the divisions of math, computer science, and education and organizational meetings were forced to find new locations in other areas of campus. The completion of Violette Hall was scheduled for 1998, and the original contract cost for its construction was \$7.25 million.

Accounting Club

Row 1: Jennifer Baskett-secretary, Megan McCracken-first vice president, Paula Kliethermes-treasurer, David Loesch-president, Julie Weggesser-second vice president. **Row 2:** Stephanie Meuris, Jolene Kopf, Jessica McVeigh, Nancy Haney, Julia Mast, Kelly Stephan, Bobbi Hart. **Row 3:** Amy Peckitt, Candice Greer, Marisa Brammer, Austin Moore, Adam Thompson, Sandra Fleak-adviser.



Actuarial Science Club

Row 1: Brian Koenen, Jenny Bierbaum-president, Amanda Bruns, Cory Mulvill.



Adventurers Aloft


Row 1: Bransen Boskovich-president, Brett Fleury-vice president, Kathleen Dudley-secretary, Kelly Burnett- treasurer, Brian Cross-public relations. **Row 2:** Jon Coyle, Tanya Putton, Mark Thompson-adviser, Joann Albert, Dan Fitzgerald.



Alpha Chi Sigma

Row 1: Megan Roadman-recorder, Laura Lenz-reporter, Rachel Morgan-vice master alchemist, Tim Busenhardt-master alchemist, Caryn Stahlschmidt-treasurer, Tracy Kelly-master of ceremonies. **Row 2:** Molly Delanty, Mindy Gunn, Mary Peters, Kathy Smock, Jennifer Gooch, Rebecca AuBuchon, Amy Spain, Sara Brokaw, Jennifer Klinger, Fiona Alexander, Amy Jo Kruger. **Row 3:** Aaron Cassely, Jill Butler, Becca Turner, Michael Wyzlic, Tyler Borman, Tim Paul, Kasi Ervin, Kathy Kauzlarich, Christopher Marstall, Charles Ledgerwood, Jason Gruenhagen, Garrett Slaton. **Row 4:** Brian Reiss, Eric Calhoun.





Senior Maggie Glenney helps sophomore Nathan Beyer with last-minute tax problems. The Accounting Club sponsored the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. The program helped students file away their money matters and financial confusion.

Accounting Assistants

by
Katie Riley

The Accounting Club solved a few problems in 1997—about 150, to be exact.

Through their free tax assistance program, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, the Truman and Kirksville communities were relieved of the stress of those infamous forms.

VITA was held for four days during the spring semester to aid people who wanted the group to look over their completed returns, people with questions or people who simply did not have a clue as to what they were doing.

The nearly 40 members of the Accounting Club were given a crash-course in tax preparation by one of their advisers, Steve Klein, associate professor of accounting.

Most members needed the training course because the only tax preparation course offered was for senior major students. The lack of experience was repaid in full by the interpersonal and technical skills gained during VITA.

"The experience [gained] is not just technical, but also personal because [the students] are dealing with clients," Klein said.

The club also brought in several speakers during the year to em-

phasize how broad the field of accounting was in the world.

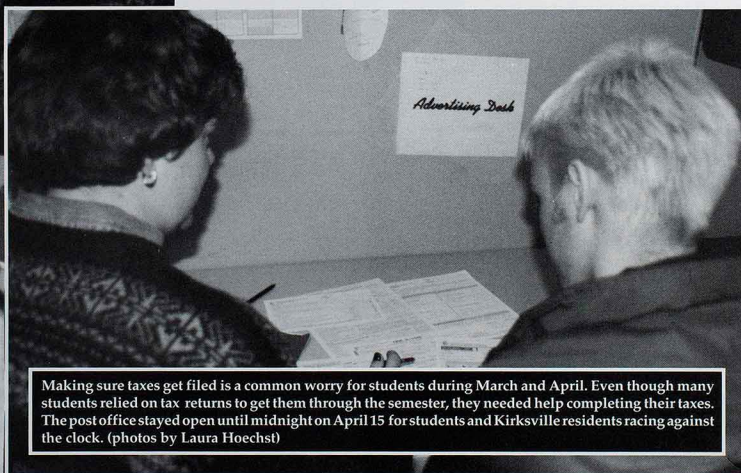
The speakers provided options for students fluent in accounting for various jobs in the business world. They gave advice on the similarities, differences, advantages and disadvantages between small and large firms.

K2-Enterprises also came to Truman because of the Accounting Club. K2-Enterprises was a nationally-renowned company that taught people computer literacy. Because of Funds Allotment Council funding, the club was able to co-sponsor the seminar with Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity. The campus-wide event attracted a capacity crowd.

The club also participated in Walktoberfest. Twelve members participated in the event to benefit the American Diabetes Association. Community service chair Maggie Glenney said the event helped bring the group together.

Glenney hoped the club's many community service projects helped prove accounting majors did more than just crunch numbers.

"We're not just people with calculators," Glenney said.



Making sure taxes get filed is a common worry for students during March and April. Even though many students relied on tax returns to get them through the semester, they needed help completing their taxes. The post office stayed open until midnight on April 15 for students and Kirksville residents racing against the clock. (photos by Laura Hoechst)

Alpha Phi Omega

Row 1: Paul Sager-1st vice president (large), Michelle McCarty-secretary, Casey Kusiak-president, Stacey Erkiletian-1st vice president (regular), Sheila Vomund-treasurer, Nathaneal Byrnes-sgt. of arms. **Row 2:** Alyssa Conine, Anne Chopin, Shelly Shafer, Meggan Bayer, Carol Souder, Stephanie Saltzman, Rebekah Oehring-rush co-chair, Misty Collins, Shalyn Claggett, Jenny Kocher, Kristi Lenhardt-public relations co-chair, Theresa Pund. **Row 3:** Fresa Jacobs, Amie Ford-rush co-chair, Jennifer Gorman, Jennifer Henry, Jennifer Socha, Jennifer Jorns, Shannon McCarty, Jennifer Brostek, Amy Benoist, Sarah Tofari, Meadow Heiman-fundraising, Christi Meredith. **Row 4:** Carrie Grantham, Susan Beeler, Stephanie Landess, Constance Kovach, Katie Poeppel, Laura Beck, Jaimie Markus, Erika Reppen, Brenda Helmbrecht, Thomas Williams, Molly Trauernicht, Allison Johnson.



Alpha Phi Omega

Row 1: Angelique Halley, Sara Young, Lindsay Switzer, Shannon Ross, Megan Kesterson, Kristin Juul. **Row 2:** Lindsay Livingston, Rhea Juliano, Debbie Stange, Amanda Bowles, Becky Winfrey, Lynn Obermark, Brandy Branson, Kate Burns, Amy Wiesel, Christy Stephen, Patricia Hutchison, Stacy Hawkins. **Row 3:** Deanna Dieckmann, Meredith Wiecher, Amy Holbo, Katie Collier, Kelly Morrow, April Mahrer, Kim Dembinski, Caroline Hernandez, Shirley Arteaga, Diana Brayden, Heather Mannix, Colleen Born, Holly Ahrens.



Alpha Phi Omega

Row 1: Ned Miller-fellowship chair, Travis Oglesby, Lisa Fritsch, Laura Rodey-2nd vice president (pledging), Joel Block, Glenn Grothaus Jr. **Row 2:** Christa Musick, Brie Cantrell, Ellen Bartels, Jeff Driggers, Nathaneal Byrnes, Jennifer Kidd, Holly Westhoff, Michael Price, Kevin Hough, Rachel Uttech-communications secretary, Tim Deveny-pledge trainer, Joshua Kesterson. **Row 3:** Anna Foehner, Mike Watson, John Wicklein, Toby Johnson, Catherine Pezold-formal co-chair, Carl Appel, Ryan Wilson, Brad Mudd, Bradley Niebling, John Walker, Tom Bloomfield, Gregg Gourde.



Freshman John Walker gets his face smeared with chocolate pudding by junior Mike Price during a food-eating contest. The contest was a fellowship event Alpha Phi Omega members participated in at Camp Thunderbird. The purpose of the fellowship was to create unity among the members.



Together Building a Community

by
Paul Sager

Constructing fences, digging ditches, chopping down forests and painting a totem pole was just a glance at a weekend of an Alpha Phi Omega member.

The men and women of APO traveled to Camp Thunderbird near Moberly, Mo., twice a year to do some serious manual labor to spruce up the local boys scout camp.

"The satisfaction I felt when I saw the finished product made the screaming muscles that I felt the next day worth it," senior Brenda Helmbrecht said.

APO's work at Camp Thunderbird made the lives of the managers less stressful. Never were they prepared for the hundreds of Boy Scouts without the help of

APO.

Working with the Boy Scouts was nothing new to APO. The national office was affiliated with the Scouts and the local chapter contributed countless hours to helping the Boy Scouts' cause. The rich heritage of APO was derived from the fellowship of the Boy Scouts of America as embodied in the Scout Oath and Law.

On Jan. 25, the chapter participated in Klondike Derby after a two-year absence. The fraternity provided twenty-five members to staff the event which consisted of

knot-tying, first-aid, fire-building and problem-solving stations.

"We probably would have had more active attendees, but there were very few who either remembered what Klondike was or wanted to spend an entire day outside in the cold," Scouting Chair Stephanie Landess said.

Camp T-Bird and Klondike were not the only projects the national coed service fraternity assisted. Various local projects included helping the Northeast Missouri Community Action Agency, YMCA, Twin Pines Retirement Home, Victim Support Services, the Humane Society and the Salvation Army.

Two of the biggest projects APO faced were coordinating the fall and spring Red Cross blood drives. The fall drive was Nov. 12-14, and the spring drive was April 15-17. The blood drives provided an opportunity for the members to do service hours.

Chapter President Stacey Erkiletian believed finding a balance between fellowship and service kept the fraternity on top.

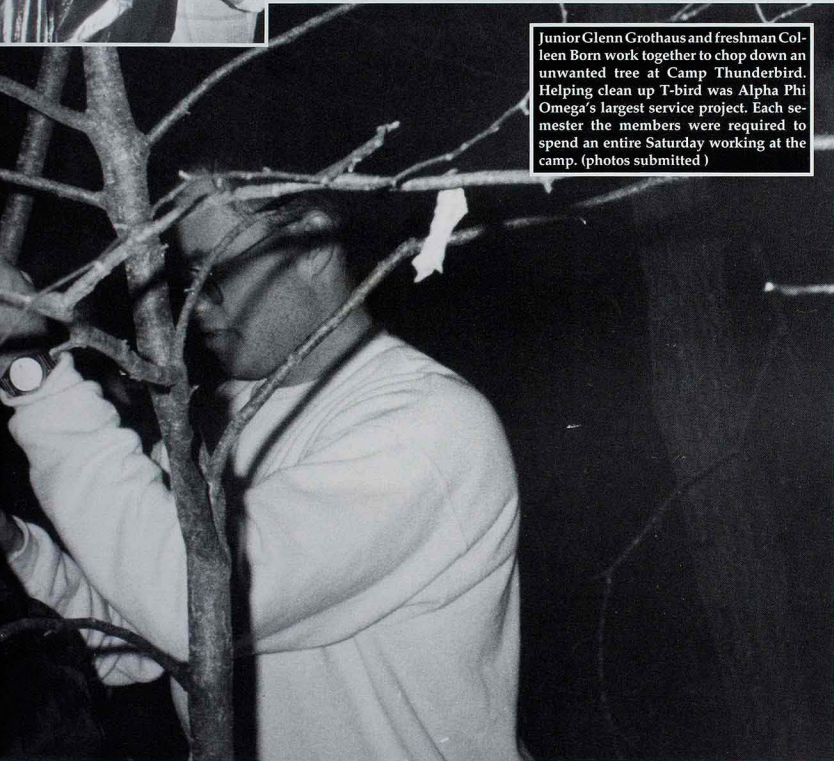
"We have redirected our goals and intentions," Erkiletian said. "Service is the backbone of the fraternity, and we are taking service very seriously."

Alpha Phi Omega also participated in the National Convention held in Phoenix, Az., over Christmas break. Chapters from all around the world were present and enhanced the diversity of the convention.

The Epsilon chapter geared up to host the Alpha Phi Omega sectional conference in 1998. Senior Kim Dembinski worked throughout the year for Epsilon to host the conference.

"It will be a great asset to see all of the other chapters in our section coming together in Kirksville," Dembinski said.

That was what APO was all about.



Junior Glenn Grothaus and freshman Colleen Born work together to chop down an unwanted tree at Camp Thunderbird. Helping clean up T-bird was Alpha Phi Omega's largest service project. Each semester the members were required to spend an entire Saturday working at the camp. (photos submitted)

Service Equals Success

Alpha Sigma Gamma seemed to stumble onto a formula for service.

by
Jen Adams

ASG took a new approach to service. By combining a need for service with social and sisterhood opportunities, ASG provided not only an outlet for volunteerism, but also a chance to meet others with the same need.

"We are good people who want to help others, and we are finally standing out because of that," senior Molly McCaskill said. "That is the best reason to be recognized."

Every year ASG raised money for Muscular Dystrophy Association through Tag Days and donated the proceeds from an annual bowl-a-thon to the Northeast Association for Citizens with Disabilities.

Other group service projects included CropWalk, American Diabetes Association Walktoberfest, Lee Denim Days for the Susan Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer and United Cerebral Palsy Telethon.

Members were required to complete 15 service hours per semester and often ended up doing more

than what was required.

"People who want to do good things for others are naturally drawn to each other," McCaskill said. "People finally figured out that just because our first priority is not social, we still have a good time and get a lot of service done."

Every year ASG held an informal dance in the fall with its brother service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega, and its own formal in the spring.

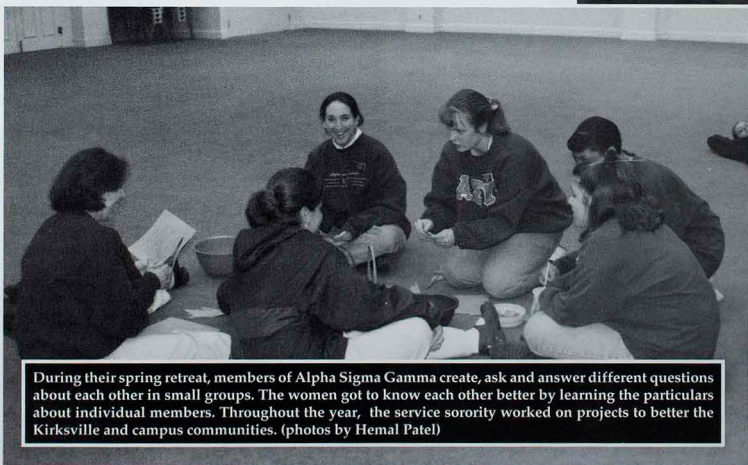
It was the first year ASG participated in Homecoming, and they made an impact as McCaskill represented them and took the honor of Homecoming Queen.

ASG increased interest in fund raising, offered more individual service opportunities and encouraged more participation in activities.

"The amount of donations we've raised for philanthropies has doubled," co-service chair Jen Sutterer said. "It really gives us an opportunity to make more of an impact."

The campus seemed to notice ASG's enthusiastic approach to service and sisterhood.

Senior Jennifer Walz participates in Alpha Sigma Gamma's spring retreat. The service sorority sponsored a retreat each semester for its members. The retreats helped bring the growing number of members closer together.



During their spring retreat, members of Alpha Sigma Gamma create, ask and answer different questions about each other in small groups. The women got to know each other better by learning the particulars about individual members. Throughout the year, the service sorority worked on projects to better the Kirksville and campus communities. (photos by Hemal Patel)

Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honorary

Row 1: Christy Young-secretary, Curtis Perkins-vice president, Jennine Adamek-president, Shelly Shafer-treasurer.
Row 2: Dawn K. Cecil-adviser, Valerie Elkins, Joseph Black, Sarah Black.



Alpha Phi Sigma Scholastic Honorary

Row 1: Jennifer Wheelon-president, Maggie Glenney-vice president, Jenny Maples-historian, Angie Nicholson-director of new membership, Joshua Kesterson-secretary, Matt Eusterbrock-treasurer. **Row 2:** Tracey Dowe, Beth Merkel, Jill Snitker, Lynette Greunke, Barbra Frietsch, Eleana White, Jessica Orf, Heather Morgan, Jennine Adamek, Heather Hackmann, Jennifer Wickam, Jamie Stafford. **Row 3:** Liz Norby, Garrett Marshall, Mike Cavato, Shiloh Hale, Stacy Hawkins, Vlad Jirinec, Laurelyn Roberts, Jill Goodheart, Thomas Williams, Kelly Morrow, Michael Price, Catherine Schopp, Monica Knapp.



Alpha Sigma Gamma

Row 1: Joslyn Mathis-historian, Christie Stone treasurer, Jamie Morgan-parliamentarian, Paige Staes-president, Stephanie Krueger-adviser, Carrie Stock-secretary, Paula Kliethermes-secretary. **Row 2:** Cindy Irvine, Justina Bowers, Jennifer Bell, Anne Wight, Amy Hattori, Linda Kunz, Trisha Gunderson, Niki Pfeffer, Mindy Gunn, Paula Beavers, Lori Chandler, Stacey Fosdick. **Row 3:** Kelly Anthony, Sarah Derks, Kristin Compton, Angie Stogsdill, Jennifer Walz, Rachel Heidbreder, Julie Sigel, Vickie Perrey, Michelle Bokermann, Lynn Schiermeyer, Natalie Terry, Karen Coole, Cara Schuette, Chris Auer. **Row 4:** Janine Duncanson, Emily Jentes, Miranda Robbins, Mandy Norment, Crystal Williams.



Alpha Sigma Gamma

Row 1: Laura Metz-service chair, Kate Stoddard-rush chair, Sarah Ledgerwood-pledge educator, Kim Baker-vice president, Liz Bolian-fellowship chair, Mary Prescott-sisterhood chair, Jessica Orf-pledge educator, Jennifer Sutterer-service chair. **Row 2:** Lora Selle, Leanne Erickson, Emilie Burch, Heather Kabara, Julie Rupp, Amy Peterson-fund-raising chair, Danielle King-alumnae chair, Jessica Hanrahan, Diane Meissen, Michele Leveque, Mary Johnston, Jennifer Chase, Jenn Brogowski. **Row 3:** Nikki Gary, Stephanie Mohrman, Rachel Street, Jennifer Warmann, Melissa McCoy, Natalie O'Farrell, Maria Conley, Lena Fairless, Molly McCaskill, Ryane Thomas, Jennifer Benigno, Julie Alexander, Michelle Poska. **Row 4:** Heather Morgan, Amanda Henson, Gannet Hallar, Wendi Kishi, Kelly Ney, Jennifer Griswold, Sarah Stolle, Megan Hollingsworth, Sherry Bartow, Kelly Dolles, Marsha Holtgrewe, Megan Bert, Kathleen Beachum.



Imagery in Action

American Chemical Society National Chemistry Week

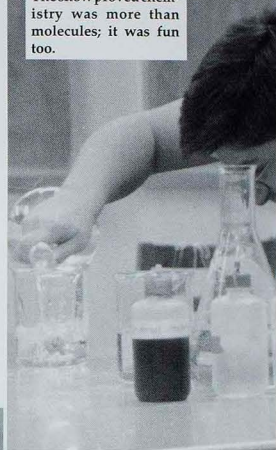
"I personally liked the magic show because it's fun to watch things blow up and to watch the audience's faces and reactions. It's also neat to see the practical applications of chemistry and people taking an interest in science in general that normally wouldn't."

-senior Andy Mahon

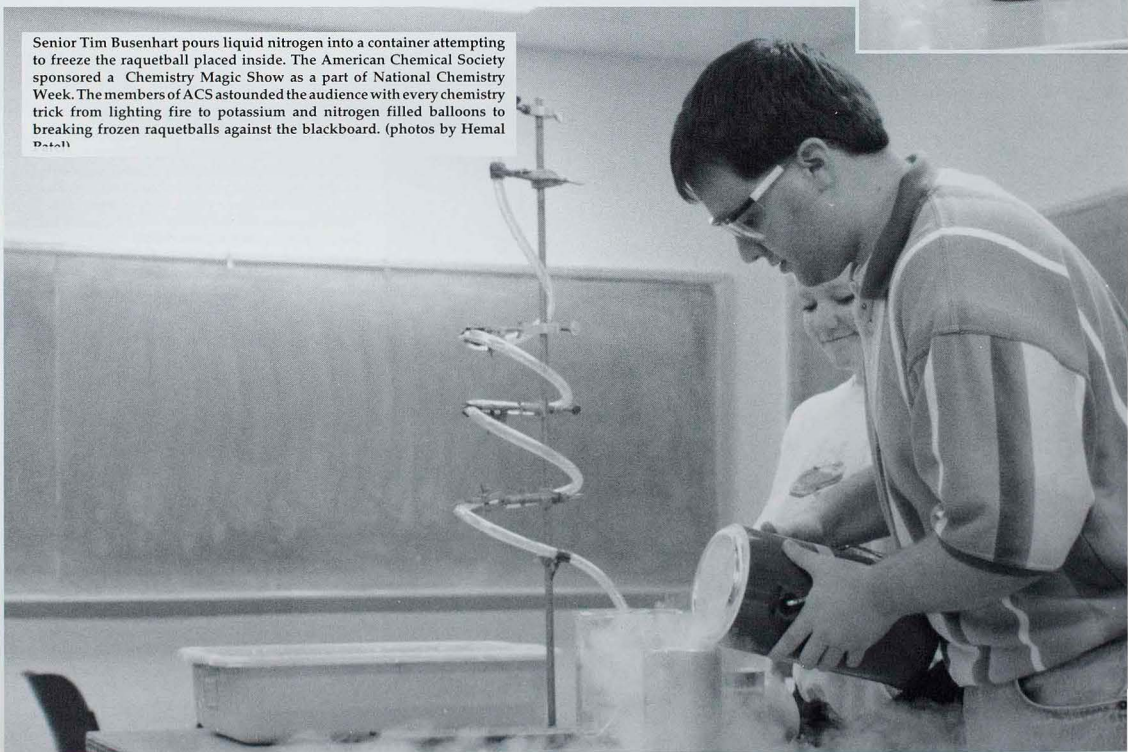
"I helped design the T-shirts where we created the element Trumanium on it with fun facts about Truman and chemistry. With the T-shirts, it was a way to get people to enjoy science. We wanted to add humor to show what the American Chemical Society is all about and promote chemistry and science in general."

-senior Tim Busenhart

Sophomore Andy Carpenter produces color reactions at the Chemistry Magic Show. The society awed audience members with explosions and reactions. The show proved chemistry was more than molecules; it was fun too.



Senior Tim Busenhart pours liquid nitrogen into a container attempting to freeze the raquetball placed inside. The American Chemical Society sponsored a Chemistry Magic Show as a part of National Chemistry Week. The members of ACS astounded the audience with every chemistry trick from lighting fire to potassium and nitrogen filled balloons to breaking frozen raquetballs against the blackboard. (photos by Hemal Patel)





American Marketing Association

Row 1: Beth Sellenriek-vice president of programs, Tim Bohnert-vice president of membership, Chris Tilley-vice president of advertising and promotions, Carrie Wainwright-president, Scot Copeland-vice president of communications, Kirsten Hunihan-vice president of projects, Debi Cartwright-adviser. **Row 2:** Kelli Lloyd, Katie Weyforth, Michelle Reynolds, Rebecca French, Laura Beck, Jill Baldwin, Jody Schaefer, Jennifer Genoni, Sheila Kimmell, Kristen Adank, Gina Losito, Monica Knapp, Kirsten Anderhub. **Row 3:** Zac Hoenes, Jennifer Chase, Scott Bowling, Brian Schoppe.



American Chemical Society

Row 1: Caryn Stahlschmidt, Kerry Hymes, Tim Busenhart-treasurer, Brian Reiss-president, Jason Gruenhagen-social chair, Morgan Parrish. **Row 2:** Tracy Kelly, Molly Delanty-vice president of social committee, Jennifer Klinger-treasurer of social committee, Megan Roadman, Skylar Martin.



Association of Black Collegians

Row 1: Tina Raymond-president, Taneesha Dobyne-vice president, Summer Johnson-recording secretary, Latonya Barber-corresponding secretary, Tona Hill-treasurer, Christina Faison-sgt. at arms. **Row 2:** Lakisha Blue, Stacey Bumpus, Michael Hartman, Natalie Parks, Kasia McMullen, Sharonda Boards, Erica Crider, April Howard, Regina Simmons, Linisha Mills, Janelle Lee. **Row 3:** Andrea Penn, Alana Butler, Joe Murchison, William Clark, Crystal R. Tillman, NaTanya Brown, Jared Swanegan, Imani Tolson, Demond L. Baine, James Barnes Jr.



Association of Computer Machinery

Row 1: Patrick Forhan-treasurer, Tia Bartos-president, Lisa Becker-vice president, Nathan Beyer-secretary. **Row 2:** Amy Therrien, Chad Meiners, Tim Bierbaum, Chris Long. **Row 3:** Ryan Brush, Tim Bass, Joe Bedard.

Audubon Society & Missouri Native Plant Society

Row 1: Jenny Kocher, Leanne Erickson, Christine Healey-*Nuthatch* editor, Elsa Youngsteadt-president, Tim Geiger. **Row 2:** Caleb Hawley, Sarah Achleitner, MaryEllen Novinger, Joshua Hudson.



Baptist Student Union

Row 1: David Hunsaker-Associate Campus Minister, Todd Schneck-men's ministry, Ryan Calder-outreach, Grace Gravina-worship leader, Carrie Sabourin-president, Tim Siebe-public relations, Heather Ditzer-community building, Amy Jones-missions and ministry. **Row 2:** Kevin Nance, Tim Simms, Tabitha Myers, Katy Bryan, Sarah Kreunen, Christopher Guillory, Audra Olson, Brandi Patterson, Airin Shull, Erin Panagos, Alan Boushard, Scott Bowling. **Row 3:** Jeannette Ritchey, Jennifer Watkins, Heidi Green, Stephanie Patrick, Leigh Bohack, Stephanie Cooper, Stephanie Rowe.



Baptist Student Union

Row 1: Heather Smith, Joan Hildmann, Julia Mast, Gerilyn Hoven, Dennis Stokes-Campus Minister, Sara Riggs, William Vollmer II, Danita Bonvillian. **Row 2:** John Cross, Tim Suddarth, Darryl Record, Kevin Martin, Christine Ritchey, Janna Goldman, Michelle Tyler, Timmy Siebe, Joe Bruhl, Scott Kerby, Rob Simms, Jeff Friesen. **Row 3:** Mark Gieringer, Russell Hardy, Brock Neil, Becky Pudenz, Amy Taylor, Melanie Ballanger, Marilee Boulevar, Shelley Mundhenk, Chrissy Hoffmann, Karin Farber, Bethany Pendino, Christopher Guillory. **Row 4:** Mark Kaibel, Nathan Alexander.



Beta Beta Beta

Row 1: Miriah Plawer, Stephanie Schwarz, Erin Summers, Karen Kemper, Jessica Arnold. **Row 2:** Sarah Zapf, Lynette Greunke, Barbra Frietsch, Josh Adams, Karin Wirsig, Joy Wenger, Amy Holbo, Rachel Pawlitz, Amy Linsenhardt, Kelly Hurst, Sarah Lutter, Mary McBride. **Row 3:** Laura Walters, Melissa A. Ehm-Pote, Elsa Youngsteadt, Tia Bartos, Sarah Kreunen, Rebecca Brannon, Andrew Lutz, Jen Raisley, Daniel Hemmann, Jason Gruenhagen, Joanna Tucker, Tom Lancaster. **Row 4:** John Alexander, Mike Watson, Howard Grattan, Ed Fischer, Nate McNeil, Nate Hardesty, Brian Youngs, Justin McWilliams, Richard Cox, Brent Pavis.



Sophomore Katy Bryan dances away some of the stress of finals at the Baptist Student Union Christmas party. The BSU provided not only spiritual activities, but social ones as well. Members also planned activities around Halloween and Thanksgiving.

Helping Hands

by
Meghan Cronin

For members of the Baptist Student Union, image was all about outreach.

Outreach took many forms for BSU members, but it was always aimed at helping the community.

Through the BSU's Outreach program, members provided service to the community through activities such as cleaning rooms and bathrooms and fun events like scavenger hunts on Halloween.

Members joined together to participate in the Outreach, which had a special meaning to everyone involved.

"It's seeing other people's needs and helping to meet their needs," senior Carrie Sabourin said.

Senior David Hunsaker, the associate campus minister, said the BSU's Outreach is an ongoing event.

"Outreach is reaching out with the gospel message," he said. "Reaching out to students who wouldn't normally come to Christian events."

One part of BSU's Outreach was the special event that took place at least once a year. In 1996, the special event was speaker J.T. Walker, a campus minister from North Carolina. Walker spoke on Nov. 7

in the Student Union Building Activities Room. His topic was "Why Blacks Dream of

a World Without Whites." Almost 200 people attended Walker's speech.

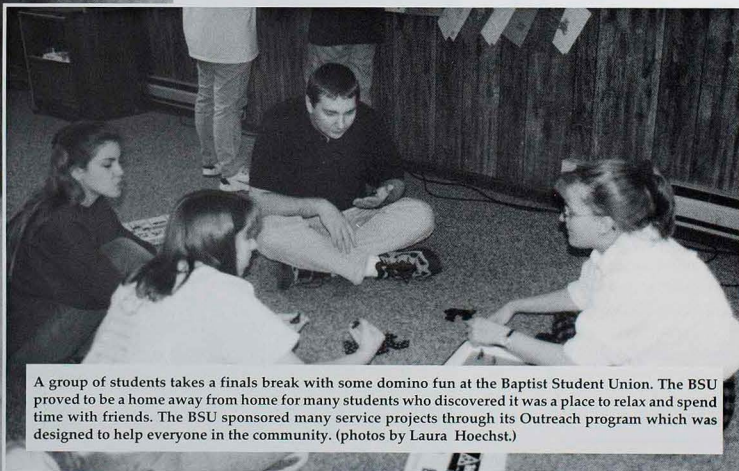
BSU, along with Campus Christian Fellowship, Unique Ensemble and Worship in the African-American Tradition sponsored Walker. Walker's speech emphasized the importance of BSU's Outreach goal which was to bring different kinds of people together.

Usually, special events for BSU Outreach lasted three days. Hunsaker said the special event took more money, time and energy. One of the biggest differences was the cross-cultural focus, which directly reflected the meaning of outreach.

Sabourin said the Baptist Student Union wanted to create a friendly atmosphere.

"We try to make it as comfortable as possible for new people by being friendly, showing a genuine interest in them as a person," Sabourin said.

Hunsaker hoped the BSU would be seen as helpful in bridging cultural and ritual differences.



A group of students takes a finals break with some domino fun at the Baptist Student Union. The BSU proved to be a home away from home for many students who discovered it was a place to relax and spend time with friends. The BSU sponsored many service projects through its Outreach program which was designed to help everyone in the community. (photos by Laura Hoechst.)

Beta Beta Beta

Row 1: Tricia Layton-secretary, Janet O'Neal-vice president, Patrick Ross-adviser, Kathy Smock-president, Sarah McNeely-historian. **Row 2:** Melissa Seifert, Aileen Pesina, Alicia Hopper, Laura Crandall, Jennifer Smart, Christina Tate, Leah Dudley, Debbie Moeller, Renee Manley-Markowski, Jennifer Horton, Julianne Eckerle, Christine Goudge, Gretchen Timm. **Row 3:** Libby Carnahan, Shelly Russell, Alisa Cornille, Valerie Radek, Brooke Spridgen, Amanda Hagen-Stapleton, Melanie Yuracko, Kathy Doan, Mindy Steiniger, Beth Belval, Christy Hotger, Ranesa Cooper, Andy Mueller. **Row 4:** Sara Brokaw, Mindy Brann, Lisa Brokaw, Kenna Johnson, Gwen Habel, Dave Skibbe, Heloise Chenelot, Kendra Allton, Charis Phillips, Naedrie Olmstead, Annah Terry.



Beta Omega Beta

Row 1: Meghan Cronin-alumni chair, Tina Brooks-social chair, Jennifer Donovan-treasurer, Jennifer Bodenstein-president. **Row 2:** Carrie Thomas-Zsi Psi chair, Christine Healey, Amy Therrien, Beth Dean-ad-hoc chair, Adrienne Paul-philanthropy chair.



Blanton-Nason Hall Senate

Row 1: Nicole Finley, Maya Rittershouse, Tim O'Neil, Kimberly Adams-student adviser representative, Jeremy Leavitt-president, Michelle Pattavina-vice president, Jenn Payne-secretary, Kurt Geiger-treasurer, Jennifer Smart, Matt Fernandez. **Row 2:** Jeff Knese, David Widitz, Joe Bieser, Heather Vollmer, Joe Clemmer, Marja Ricci, Caroline Conley, Heather Boehmer, Jason Saucier, Sonia Davidson, Kristen Johnson, Jennifer O'Brien. **Row 3:** Clay Biggs, Patrick Adams, Joslyn Mathis, Michelle Poska, Holly Ahrens, Julia Tolliver, Seth Kuyper, Barry Wagoner.



Seniors Gwen Habel, Heloise Chenelot and Kathy Smock sell plants outside Science Hall. The plant sale was a major fund-raising project for Tri-Beta. The money gave members the means to promote science in the community. (photo by Hemal Patel)



Sharing Love and Knowledge

by
Lisa Fagnani

They showed the Kirksville community science could be fun.

Beta Beta Beta biology honor society members wanted to share their love for biology while doing something beneficial for the Kirksville community.

"Tri-Beta has been involved in some service in the past, but we were usually helping with other organizations that weren't our own," Adviser Patrick Ross said. "To be an important organization, it was important for us to come up with our own service project -- one we could call our own and be proud of."

To fulfill the need for service, Tri Beta began teaching grade school children the fundamentals of biology.

Members taught different lessons to the children based on their own interests in biology.

One group of students taught human biology by bringing a skeleton to the classroom. Another used microscopes to show the kids their own cheek cells.

"The excitement of the kids, just even with the microscopes, is amazing," President Kathy Smock said. "One kid even asked if he could do the cheek cell experiment at home."

Other members taught about plants and basic microbiology. One group brought frogs and snakes to

the classroom to teach about reptiles.

Tri-Beta members were involved with other events throughout the year, including the Science Olympiad with Alpha Chi Sigma chemical honor society and Science Night at Ray Miller Elementary School.

Teaching at elementary schools was just one sign of Tri-Beta's growth over three years at Truman State University. Active membership increased from 11 members to more than 100. Members attributed growth to the strong leadership from individuals such as Smock, Ross and senior Ranessa Cooper.

The leadership and community involvement magnified before Truman's eyes. Tri-Beta appeared in the Homecoming parade with a microscope and members dressed up as microorganisms.

"Pat (Ross) had this idea to make a microscope," junior Alisa Cronille said. "I didn't think it would work out, but it did, and it was really neat."

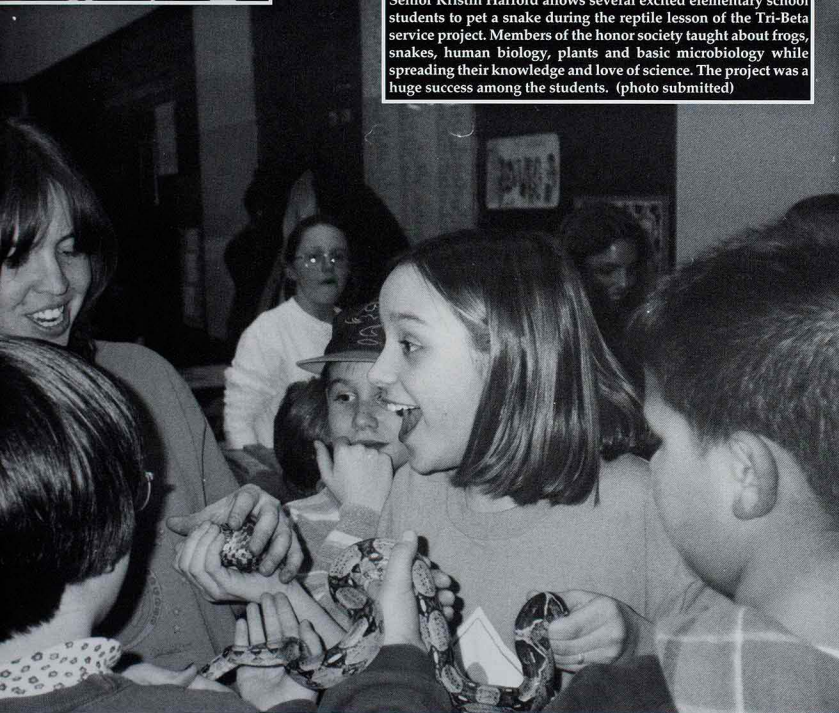
Ross decided such neat ideas could be added to the list of scientific laws.

"Tri-Beta has three aims in the constitution: to disseminate knowledge, to encourage research and to promote scholarship," Ross said. "When I came here two years ago, I really wanted to add a fourth goal: to establish a community of students and faculty that can have fun and goof around together."

Student-faculty volleyball and softball games, movie nights, decorating a Science Hall Christmas tree, April Fool's Day limerick contest, Homecoming participation and retreats at Reis Biological Station in the Ozarks helped to build that community.

Although Ross, who helped put community in the constitution, and many of the senior leaders were leaving, Tri-Beta became strong enough to continue bringing biology to Truman students and the community.

Senior Kristin Harford allows several excited elementary school students to pet a snake during the reptile lesson of the Tri-Beta service project. Members of the honor society taught about frogs, snakes, human biology, plants and basic microbiology while spreading their knowledge and love of science. The project was a huge success among the students. (photo submitted)



Serious Play

The Bulls and Bullets created the image of serious competitors on and off the rugby scene at Truman State University.

The hard work of the rugby clubs paid off at the Heart of America tournament in the fall. There, the women took second place and the men took first for the fourth year in a row.

With that and other tournaments, the teams gained respect from other schools and clubs. The teams helped each other as well.

"They [the Bulls] went to the sweet sixteen last year and they really have a good name. Just being associated with the Truman name has really helped us a lot," Bullets co-captain Polly Waters, said.

It wasn't just the Bulls' name that helped out the Bullets. Several of the Bulls players went to the Bullets' practice to help the ladies work on their game and improve playing strategies.

The Bullets made some improvements on their own as well. They coached themselves, with the exception of the occasional help of

by
Dave Gragg

some of the Bulls.

Waters said the Bullets started as the girlfriends of the Bulls and are still associated with the men to a certain extent. However, they wanted to be considered rugby players and not just groupies of the Bulls.

The Bullets hoped to change their image in other ways as well.

"We want to be known for our rugby and being a winning team first, and then the other stuff," Bullets co-captain Shannon Powers said. The club tried to focus completely on the game.

The focus on the game was shared by the Bulls. It was a major part of their success.

"One of the common characteristics between all of us is the ability for teamwork," senior Kris Karsten of the Bulls said.

For the Bullets, rugby was a way for a bunch of girls to come together who shared sports as a common interest, Waters said. She added that being a rugby player was a big part of her image.

"If somebody asks me to tell them about myself, the first thing I say is I play rugby," Waters said.

Bulls rugby players jump for the ball during a line-up against Kansas University. The Bulls learned to play tough against this long-standing rival. Truman went on to win the game 76-3.



Truman rugby players contest the Kansas University Jayhawks for the ball during a scrum, a move where players attempt to gain possession of the ball. KU was the strongest collegiate team Truman faced year after year. The Bulls enjoyed the challenge to improve their skills. (photos by Hemal Patel)



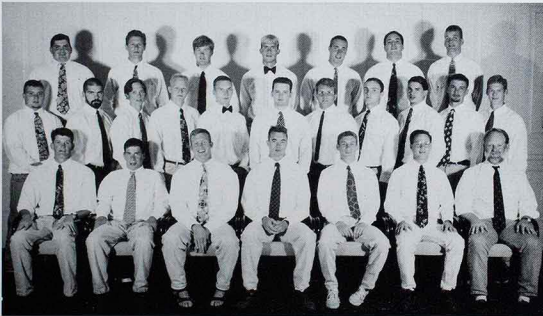
Blue Key National Honor Fraternity

Row 1: Aaron Huckstep-publicity, Brian Peeters-service, Jason Greenfield-secretary, Jason Troyer-president, Greg Kristoff-treasurer, Kurt Mason-blood drive.
Row 2: Shawn Weber, Vlad Jirinec, Sean M. Carney, Matthew Schaefer, Mike Vaughn, Chad Moore, Shazzie Naseem, Mike Tumminello. **Row 3:** Jason Lima, Jason Schwent, Brent Ricci, Ben Douglas, Adam Backman.



Bullets Women's Rugby Team

Row 1: Kristi Doyle-match secretary, Polly Waters-captain, Teresa Bannister-coach, Shannon Powers-captain, Amy Gallop-treasurer. **Row 2:** Tracey S. Mertens-field secretary, Heidy Williford-public relations, Jessica Kusick-public relations, Emily Meierotto-fundraiser, Rachel DeYoung-alumni co-chair, Kelly Anthony-alumni co-chair. **Row 3:** Amanda Miller, April McRaven, Molly Nahm, Holly Hart, Andrea Black, Joy Waguespack, Christine Gaydos, Devon Palmer, Lindsay Switser, Angie Holtschlag, Michelle Michalak, Joanna Andrews, Rachel Williams, Amy Maslan. **Row 4:** Leanna Heritage, Liz Kinne, Mary Quinn, Carrie Bowden, Michele Chandler, Becky Raney, Kirstin Peterson, Stacey Tompkins, Angie Broermann, Becky Brannon, Mo Harmon.



Bulls Rugby Club

Row 1: Guy Hagen-coach, Brian Eichholz-publicity, Erik Booth-vice captain, Jim Rohr-captain, Kyle Roach-president, Kris Karsten-treasurer, Bill Sexton-coach. **Row 2:** Jason Lepper, William Barry, Johnathon Hubbard, Dan Schwab, Jim Cain, Tim O'Brian, John J. Brooks, Brandon Mueller, Joshua Myers, Patrick Kozemski, Brent Pavis. **Row 3:** Ryan Hoshor, Mike Arnold, Damien Busold, Lars Strickland, Zak Wilson, Chris Donnelly, Dan Killian.



Business Administration Club

Row 1: Gina Giesler-vice president of marketing, Jamie Powell-treasurer, Marcia Mullins-secretary, Mary Williams-vice president of fundraising, Danielle King-vice president of social science, Deanna Dieckmann-vice president of professional, Andy Williams-president, Greg Trachsel-business secretary representative. **Row 2:** Cathy Poyner-adviser, Mary Nutter, Angie Holtschlag, Stephanie Wilson, Elizabeth Zumwalt, Angie Stogsdill, Stephanie Meuris, Kristi Lenhardt, Angela Brookshier, Ryan Fish, Mike Olmsted, Carrie Hamre, Matt Davis.

Imagery in Action

Campus Volunteers

"Sometimes it's misleading because people think we are volunteers in the community, when we are really big brothers to children. Campus Volunteers is a chance for the students to mingle with kids from the community and to promote a positive image to the kids."

-Historian Jennifer Schlicht

"Our primary role is to act as a role model for our littles. We're not tutors, and we're not a baby-sitting service. We are friends."

-President Jennie Johnson

Sophomore Kristen O'Guin and her "little brother," Justin Simpson, race across the quad to locate the next clue in the scavenger hunt. Forty-five volunteers hosted the little brothers and sisters. The volunteers also gathered the children together for Halloween and Easter parties.



Freshman Sarah Dunn helps her "little sister," nine-year-old Tisha Reed, find the statue of Joseph Baldwin during the Campus Volunteers' Scavenger Hunt. Although it was Dunn's first year playing a "big sister," she enjoyed the one hour a week she spent with Reed. The volunteers served as mentors to local Kirksville children. (photos by Hemal Patel)



Campus Christian Fellowship

Row 1: Megan Watson, Liza Mendenhall, Jason Herbig, Jenny Pluznick, Stephanie Wintermann, Gwen Dresch, Kelly Jackson. **Row 2:** Seun Orebiyi, Kelly Hildebrandt, Laura Painter, Aaron Winkler, Joth Jacob, Kristen Marsh, Kristen Vogel. **Row 3:** Kurt Bethel, Adrienne Gerke, Kim Oelschlaeger, Meghan McCormick, Amy Hevrin, Wes Bowen, Robert Weissler, Leah Dooley, Tanya Dutton, Karen Roberts, Erin Byington, Courtney Pardo, Anne Hyde, Callie Roberts, Adrienne Smith. **Row 4:** Susan Senger, Kurt Mason, Beth Rogers, Mandy Streb, Abby Heeter, Katie Poeppel, Jeremy Patch, Misty Baker, Julie Terwelp, Diana Brayden, Holly Ahrens, Christy Hammond, Jessica Gaskill. **Row 5:** Heather Carter, Becky Pudenz, Jennifer Smith, Angela Kell, Erin Burns, Anjanette Shine, Patricia Corley, Scott McPherson, Tim Graeff, Brian Swanson, John Tischer, Brian McPherson, Rachel Williams.



Campus Christian Fellowship

Row 1: Staci Garvin, Kimberly Honey, Victory Davidsmeier, Catherine Clamp, Julia Tolliver, Michelle Poska, Ellen Teig. **Row 2:** Keri Silea, Scott Roberts, Andy Bartek, Nicole Finley, Shannon Cummins, Laura Boyer, Nancy Moll. **Row 3:** Crystal Williams, Megan Hollingsworth, JoEllen Borgos, Jennifer Hughes, Debbie Knarr, James Beutler, Matt Davis, Amanda Akin, Mindy Norwood, Lynn Evenhouse, Beth Merkel, Daniel Mathers, Valerie Heaton, Jason Mathers. **Row 4:** Aimee Sent, Sibye Cato, Amy Fingerhut, Anne Beshears, Becky Salaban, Walter Rolnech, Brian Bement, John Martin. **Row 5:** John Pa, John McKinley, Greg Herndon, Rob Siemer.



Campus Crusade for Christ

Row 1: Tami Poehlman, Gwen Mittler, Gary Kueper, Colleen Kennedy. **Row 2:** Kathleen Gawronski, Leah Mathews, Jill Stukenholtz, Maria Augusta Carrasco, Aaron Winkler, Rob Weissler, Wes Bowen, Amy Spain, Yuki Uchida, Megan Watson, Maria-José Carrasco, Amy Benoit. **Row 3:** Leslie Engebretson, Tara Snyder, Jami Anderson, Melissa Relken, Sara Lieb, Susan Kehoe, Julie Terwelp, Dan Murphy, Todd Brooks, Josh Johnston, John Marstall.



Campus Volunteers

Row 1: Kristen O'Guin-secretary, Jennie Johnson-president, Jenny Loewen-vice president, Amy Hevrin-treasurer, Jennifer Schlicht-historian. **Row 2:** Rebecca Howard, Liz Vermedahl, Sarah Garwood, Andrea Berco, Kim Milligan, Ashley Jacquin, Vicki Ahn, Jill Stukenholtz, Donna Sherman, Heidi Williford, Sarah Dunn, Erin Gray, Aimee McInteer. **Row 3:** Skylar Martin, Lori Sickmann, Rhonda Rathke, Angela Benton, Gina Lauver, Monette DeSimone, Jen Randolph, Colleen Pleiss, Emily Spencer, Becky Keilholz, Robin McNaught, Kate Lenhart, Kristy SeBlonka, Emily Schuering. **Row 4:** Angela Kell, Amy Sanders, Allyson Sosnowski, Sara Durham, Jessica Cinco, Jeff Farrell, Jason Hill, Harry Harris, Joshua Kesterson, Julie Alexander.

Cantoria

Row 1: Mike Porter-historian, Lisa Neubauer-social chair, Matt Alber-vice president, Summer Johnson-secretary, John Spomer-president, Leida Pickett-historian, Robert Davidson-treasurer. **Row 2:** Damara Crist, Natalie Levine, Amy Woulfe, Shelly Jones, Tricia Audrain, Rachel Heidebreder, Abner Ortiz, Kristi Russell, Melissa DeLeal, Kara Davis, Casey Morris, Daphne Bond, Sarah Haney. **Row 3:** Tracy Higgins, David Baden, Gwen Presch.



Cantoria

Row 1: Karen Keagy, Bridget Munsterman, John Sanders, Holly Lynn Barr, Christa Musick, Curtis Oelschlaeger, Christy Hammond. **Row 2:** Rachel Street, Tim Dial, Paula Stoff, Jarred Dudding, Robyn Mestemacher, John Fischer, Peggy Zahner, Lucas Redburn. **Row 3:** Cochese Tischer, Gary Carmichael, David Seabaugh, Ryan Heckman, Tim Cox, John Hubert.



Cardinal Key National Honor Society

Row 1: Christine Carlson-historian, Angela Burton-treasurer, Amanda Matz-vice president, Janna Willhaus-president, Katie Ballmann-secretary, Lisa Roberts-corresponding secretary. **Row 2:** Mary Lagerman, Katherine Karagiannis, Shelly Grail, Liz Hopkins, Lala Moore, Gretchen Krueger, Jenny Wallace, Erin Smith, Kelli Brady, Yuri Iguchi, Carolyn Hepburn, Jessica Arnold, Angie Erickson.



Catholic Newman Center

Row 1: Jennifer Baumann, Molly Gillespie, Jenni Odefey, Jenny Bommarrito-executive officer, Teresa McAlpine-president, Bill Bequette-vice president, Carolyn Pihir-secretary, Brian Koenen, Emily Sides, Michael Madonia. **Row 2:** Maureen Cannen, Patty White, Amy Evans, Tammy Fiscella, Katie Elben, Lennora Jules, Bridget Munsterman, Sara Kukuczka, Tina Kuenzel, Diana Roshek, Rebecca AuBuchon, Nichole Yanick, Carrie Plocher, Karen Cook, Heather Hackmann, Anne Leicht.



An ROTC member fires the opening shot as alumni, students, parents, and community members participating in the Cardinal Key Run take off. The run was an annual event for Cardinal Key. Approximately 56 runners participated last year.

Community Key

by
Catherine Sanders

Cardinal Key was a national service sorority.

The cannon was heard and the race began.

The Cardinal Key National Honor Society co-sponsored the annual 5-K Run on Oct. 19. The race started at 8 a.m. and finished shortly before the Homecoming parade began.

Approximately 56 runners participated and each paid a small entry fee. Participants ranged in ages, and were divided up into different categories according to their age. Alumni, students, parents and Kirksville residents were among the runners.

"The 5-K Run is something we do every year, that we do for the campus," said Jessica Arnold, Cardinal Key's Homecoming chair.

Cardinal Key urged everyone to participate in the run. The service organization enjoyed being involved in the Homecoming event, and the members thought the community benefited as well.

"I think the community really enjoys our Homecoming, they come to our parade, and they're invited to run in the 5-K event, it gives the positive image of campus to Kirksville," Arnold said.

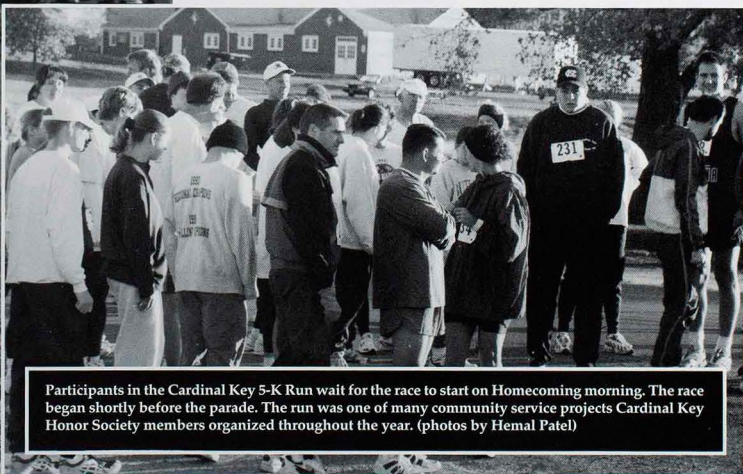
The membership at Truman was 25, and a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher was required. Members had to have junior standing and show an interest in serving others. Every spring, Cardinal Key hosted their annual rush.

Cardinal Key participated in the Activities Fair and Truman Day. Every fall and spring, Cardinal Key sponsored blood drives on campus. One of their philanthropies was the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

The group also went door-to-door asking for donations for the United Way. Monthly visits were made to Manor Care where these members interacted with the elderly. Another project was planting trees for a park.

"Boxes are placed in the residence halls where students are asked to donate some old clothes or some canned goods," Cardinal Key President Anna Willhauss said.

Cardinal Key's image of service touched the campus and the community.



Participants in the Cardinal Key 5-K Run wait for the race to start on Homecoming morning. The race began shortly before the parade. The run was one of many community service projects Cardinal Key Honor Society members organized throughout the year. (photos by Hemal Patel)

CHANL

Row 1: Jessica Neighbors, Josh Johnston-treasurer, Daniel Baack-president, Brenda Weishaar-vice president, Carrie Foiles-national communications coordinator, Daniel Jordan-secretary. **Row 2:** Mike Enders-adviser, Julie Rupp, Dave Pagano, Bryna Campbell, Kelly Heitman, Emily Zesch, Amy Persell-adviser.



Chi Alpha

Row 1: Arwen Miller, Maria-José Carrasco, Marisol Longanecker-president, Crystal Sommer, Cathy Rhoades. **Row 2:** Jessica Neighbors, Tami Heger, Jeff Friesen, Joshua Shive, Mark Kaibel, Joshua Berry.



Sophomore Emily Gluesing drops some candy into a trick-or-treater's bag. CHANL sponsored trick-or-treating in the residence halls. The event promoted relations with the community and provided local children a safe but scary and fun place to spend Halloween.



Children Haunt Residence Halls

by
Kevin Bersett

The image was a frightening one as Kirksville trick-or-treaters took over the campus residence halls on Halloween.

The fourth annual College, Hall, Apartment Network of Leaders sponsored campus trick-or-treating program went off without a hitch.

The event allowed trick-or-treaters to roam the halls in search of candy.

The success of the event was attributed to an abundance of ghosts, goblins and generous Truman students.

"We had more student involvement this year," CHANL President Dan Baack said, referring to the participants and organizers alike.

More than 150 Kirksville children flooded the six campus residence halls for the event. The 50 volunteer student tour guides guided the children through the collegiate jungle.

Getting the word out led to the increased participation.

"The event went well," Programming Coordinator Tracie Adams said. "We had more participation than in past years because there was more publicity."

Adams said the main reason for the event was to fulfill CHANL's mission to get all of the campus

residence halls involved together in an event.

Baack and Adams agreed that the highlight of the event was the time the Truman students spent with the trick-or-treaters. They said both groups enjoyed the fun.

"Kids like being on a college campus and like the interaction with the students," Baack said.

Adams said spending time with the children made some students feel more at home and helped to relieve stress.

"Students, especially freshmen, miss seeing little kids because they are only around people ages 18 to 21," Adams said.

CHANL members agreed part of the event's success was because it was much more organized than in the past.

Adams said she made up a preliminary schedule and set goals for the event during the summer.

"I planned it before I got here, but I left some leniency," Adams said. She said having 15 CHANL members on her committee was helpful in planning the event.

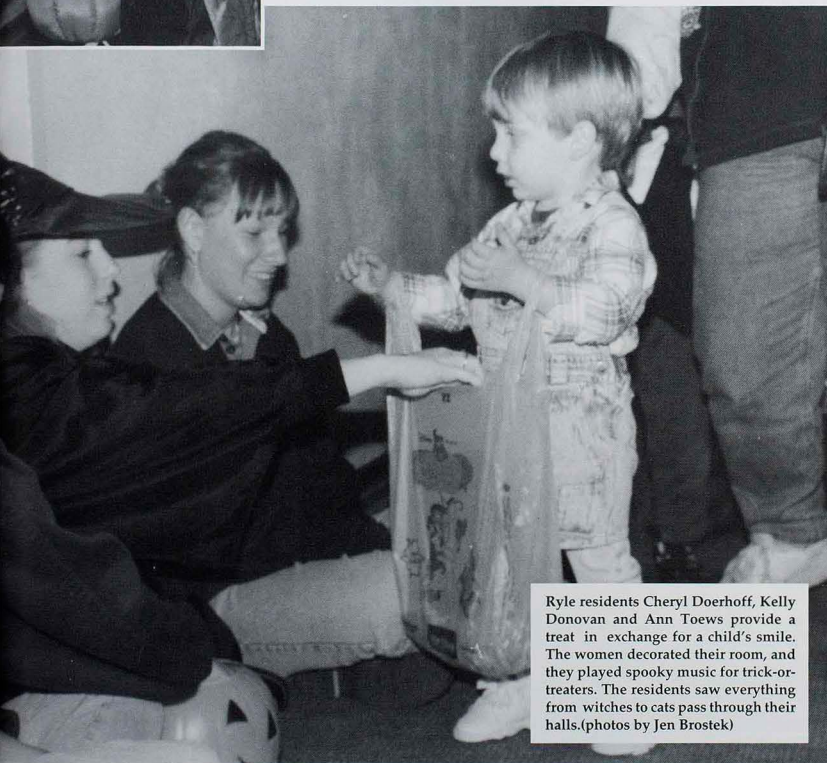
Adams said there were no major problems with the trick-or-treating. She said the only changes planned dealt with minor issues that came up, including some bad attitudes in costume.

"This year any child three to 13 could have participated," Adams said. "The 13-year-olds will not be invited back next year because they were kind of rude."

Other changes affected refreshments served to those in attendance.

"We are going from red punch to lemonade," Adams said. "It is not a real good idea to have kids running around on carpet with red punch."

Adams also said the future trick-or-treaters would be escorted through the halls in separate groups. Most of the trick-or-treaters showed up at the same time which created excessive traffic in the halls.



Ryle residents Cheryl Doerhoff, Kelly Donovan and Ann Toews provide a treat in exchange for a child's smile. The women decorated their room, and they played spooky music for trick-or-treaters. The residents saw everything from witches to cats pass through their halls. (photos by Jen Brostek)

Chinese Celebration

Chinese students gathered to look at the roundest moon of the year and remember their families at home on Sept. 27.

by
Shao-Ching Chou

The students celebrated Mid-Autumn Festival, one of the most important festivals in the Chinese society. Traditionally, it was a day for the whole family to spend together and enjoy the intimate connection they shared.

Chinese students and teachers at Truman could not be with their families on this day. Therefore, the Chinese Student Association, in honor of tradition, held a special Mid-Autumn Festival party at the Baptist Student Union which provided a good time for all Chinese in Kirksville.

"Being together with family and friends on this day is a Chinese tradition," said Rong Chen, president of the Chinese Student Association. "So this party is for every Chinese here to celebrate this meaningful festival."

"Everything round is special for Chinese," senior Yu-San Lee said. "Round means perfection, concord, and joining, and so does the full

moon."

Lee said she was happy to spend the day with friends in Kirksville, even though she could not be with her family in Taiwan.

The students ate Chinese food and watched a Chinese film, but the most important part of the Mid-Autumn Festival was watching the moon together.

"I miss my family when I see the moon," senior Tzn-Chun Chen said, "and I know my family is watching the moon and thinking of me right now."

Some Chinese brought friends to enjoy the party. Students from the United States and other countries joined their Chinese friends to enjoy the celebration.

Senior Yuki Uchida, who attended the Mid-Autumn Festival for the first time, was an exchange student from Japan. The day reminded her of the Moon Festival in Japan, which was similar to the Mid-Autumn Festival for Chinese.

"Japanese usually spend Moon Festival with their family," she said. "Appreciating moon at that day is an important tradition too."

Senior Su-Chun Chi feeds Kelly Ma, daughter of Yinfa Ma, associate professor of chemistry. The Chinese Student Association celebrated one of the most important Chinese family holidays with their new family of Truman students. They knew their families at home were remembering them on this day.



Graduate Huey-Yng, freshman Saeko Iwashita and Hsiao-Lin Pang enjoy Chinese entrees. The students ate moon cakes together and watched the moon during the Mid-Autumn Festival. The moon represented a spirit of joining together for the Chinese people. (photos by Jennifer Brostek)



Chinese Student Association
Row 1: Su-Chun Chi, Erica How, Liu Ping, Christine Wang. **Row 2:** Lee Yu-San, Rosalie Chen-president, Tzu-Chun Chen, Shao-Ching Chou. **Row 3:** Jia-Hueih Weng, Min-heng Ku, Hsiu-hsien Chang, Shaoqing Zhang, Sarah Wu, Chun-Tat Chui, James Lee. (photo by Laura Hoechst)



CHOICE
Row 1: Karin Wirsig, Brandy Branson-treasurer, Christine Sheppard-secretary, Rebecca Jannin-president, Joy Hutcherson-vice president, Angela Mrotek-social programmer. **Row 2:** Chris Long, Amy Therrien, Mary Nutter, Sibyl Cato, Carrie Ann Hrstich, Sequoia Sanders, Peter Adamson. **Row 3:** Amy Persell-adviser, Allison Brown, Bryna Campbell, Dave Pagano, Alissa Preucil, Kelly Hildebrandt.



Circle K
Row 1: Nicole Yanick-secretary, Sean M. Carney-president, Libby Carnahan-vice president, Theresa Eggleston-treasurer. **Row 2:** Alicia Hopper, Cassy Cooksey, Jennifer Smart, Melinda Crum, Nannan Liu, Amy Evans, Mayly Yang, Cassie Harvey-Brown, Jamie Hohman, Julie Lotshaw, Sarah E. Dunn. **Row 3:** Kelly McGuire, Erin Wright, Georgia Yarbrough, Janet Noll, Christine Robben, Marcy Boyd, Adelle Willer, Andrea Mueller, Joel Dieterichs, Vicki Ahn, Angela S. Benton, Jennifer Kesterson. **Row 4:** Kim Carpenter, Kristin Goodwin, Diane Williams, Natalie Anderson, Robin McNaught, Jeff Spengemann, Mike Cavato, Dan Murphy, Stephanie Grateke.



Classics Society
Row 1: Missy Norman-historian, Christopher Palo, Heather Tylock-vice president, Gregory S. DeLassus, Michael Madonia-treasurer, Alex Moseley-president.

Imagery in Action

College Republicans National Election

"Of course, we are disappointed that Dole didn't win, but we are happy with the election of a republican representing the 8th district in the U.S. Congress."

-junior Lara Blake

"We celebrated Reagan Appreciation Day. The name kind of speaks for itself. On that day, we just honored Reagan and what he accomplished while in office."

-Executive Director Kent Moraz

A student takes time out to cast her vote in the 1996 election. On Nov. 5, students voted for the next president of the United States. Democrats celebrated when they learned that President Clinton would serve a second term.

Students wait in the registration line to vote in the 1996 presidential election. For most of these students, this was their first national and local election. Most students knew who they would vote for, but some were still deciding in line. (photos by Cheri Heiser)





Coalition of African-American Women

Row 1: Teshia Milligan-chairwomen, Jusonda DeRouen-secretary, Jennifer M. Smith-historian, Tonia Hill-treasurer, Stephanie Walters-sgt. at arms. **Row 2:** Christina Tate, Angela Newton, Linda Reed, Temeka Lewis, Kenyatta Eleby.



College Music Educators

Row 1: Steve Wibe-mascot, Charity L. Boeger-treasurer, Joe Turner-president, Eric J. Blankenship-secretary, Holly Lynn Barr-vice president, Karinsa Dieckmann-editor. **Row 2:** Karen Luzader, Amy Woulfe, Tina Kuenzel, Jennifer Norton, Jennifer L. Slack, Emily Linton, Brian Moline. **Row 3:** Molly Augspurger, Shanna Kraemer, Claudine Baehr, Todd Luzador, Michael Sedki, Greg Marshall.



College Republicans

Row 1: Amanda Henson-Adair County liason, John Thornburgh-treasurer, Shana Stribling-vice chairman, Lara Blake-chairman, Kent Haroz-executive director, Michelle Blocker-secretary. **Row 2:** Amanda Crowell, Aaron Popp, Rick Emmett, Paul Padberg, Adam Wooldridge, Elizabeth Scott, Lora England, Holly Farkes. **Row 3:** Rep. Don Summers, James Cecil, Bob Hardwick-candidate for Adair County sheriff, Randy Hagerty-faculty sponsor, Heath Hall.



Communication Disorders Club

Row 1: Carolyn Pihir-treasurer, Jennifer Walz-historian, Brian Drake-vice president, Jenny Maples-president, Crystal Sommer-secretary, Julie Terwelp-social chair. **Row 2:** Misty Baker, Adrienne Smith, Diana Brayden, Carola Suarez, Michelle Wilson, Adelle Willer, Andrea Muller, Sarah Woods, Patricia Hutchinson, Rachel Heidebreder, Bethany Pendino. **Row 3:** Karin Drown, Karen Brown, Michelle McCarthy, Lisa Odorizzi, Jennifer Sutterer, Jennifer Kirchner, Danielle Deeken, Julie Loehner, Jaimie Markus, Anne Wight. **Row 4:** Trisha Gunderson, Angela Rogers, Amy Borchardt, Amy McGuire, Christine Johnson, Amy Maslan, Jennifer Allie, Kevin Hollinger.

Delta Sigma Pi

Row 1: Dan Murphy, Meagan Bonnell-historian, Jim Myers, LaTricia Asbury, Brian Schoppe. **Row 2:** Rob Dowil-president, Kim Link, Dana Wickman, Tina Torres-senior vice president, Janice Capes-secretary, John Schulte-treasurer. **Row 3:** Karie A. Puleo, Leah N. Matthews, Tamra Finley, Nicole Brueggemann, Jolie Gegg, Rebecca Strank, Lisa Siard, Erin Winfrey, Brenda Palmer, Kelly Jones, Tanya Reesor, Christy Pickett, Josh Scott. **Row 4:** Cathy Sneathen, Kelly Burkemper, Michelle Rohrer, Justin White, Wayne Prichard, Mandy Rieckeberg, Julie Strebler, Luana Harris, Christa Rutledge, Lori Wahrenbrock, David Paul, Matt Yannotta, Jennifer Chase, Ryan Sitzmann, Jennifer McDavid. **Row 5:** Justin Leazer, Ross Chickering, Christy Burrus, Jessica Cinco, Donna Walker-Patterson, Susan Hein, Karen Wibbenmeyer, Daniel Thomasson, Brian Barnard, Sean Crider, John Thornbrugh, Ryan Repp, Onuka Ibe, Matt Sibbing.



Delta Sigma Theta

Row 1: Brandi Williams-treasurer, Lesley CayCe-vice president, Batina Tolliver-president, Tamala Stallings-service chair.



Dobson Hall Senate

Row 1: Carol Burkhardt, Amy Maslan, Molly Nahm Emily Fish, Jessi Schumacher. **Row 2:** Paula Haefner-secretary, Summer Blume-program coordinator, Nick Evans-vice president, Jen Crouther-president, Amy Bowers-fundraising chair, Meaghan Bollenberg-treasurer. **Row 3:** Alina Brown, Ericka Havecker, Lorene Meyer, Joshua Shive, Beth Doling, Kim Runkles, Joe Murchison, Kevin Gaus, Philip Goering. (photo by Hemal Patel)



E.C. Grim Hall Senate

Row 1: Rosalie Chen-vice president, Kelly Heitman, Jimmy Ruiz, Michele Lehmann-hall director. **Row 2:** Rebecca Stanze, Fresia Jacobs-president, Jessica Neighbors, Derek Christeson. **Row 3:** Angela Porter, Christy LeMaster-secretary, Tim Geiger-treasurer, Doug Hott.



Junior Nick Evans has a little fun giving away snow in a can as part of his job as Late Night with Dobson Hall's Master of Ceremonies. Other prizes included Goop hand cleaner and a plastic donkey. The plastic donkey was awarded to the winner of Slam Fest, a contest which matched put-down against put-down.

Late Night Madness

by
Jon Fitzsimmons

The milk flowed, the insults flew and the bands played.

Late Night with Dobson Hall transformed the dormitory's usually calm courtyard into a festival of music and wacky games. Four bands pumped music into the chilling November air and unusual contests raged.

Late Night offered something different, and everybody, not just Dobson residents, was welcome to participate. Late Night was one of the many activities organized by Dobson Hall Senate this year. It originated as an event in 1991.

"We're trying to create a really fun atmosphere for the people and get them involved," said Jen Crouther, Dobson Hall Senate president.

Planning for Late Night began in September during Senate meetings. A committee was formed and they began working to obtain a stage and sound equipment, screen bands, solicit prizes from local businesses and promote the event.

"Some people might look at it and say, 'Oh, there's lots of kids goin' crazy'," sophomore Jim Cammarata said. "But I think it encourages community and people

getting together and just letting down their guard for a while."

The games and contests also entertained the crowd. One of the contests involved an extraordinary display of the outer limits of the human stomach. It required drinking a gallon of milk in less than one hour, and then keeping it down for another hour. Freshman John Fahrenkrog won \$50 by keeping the milk down.

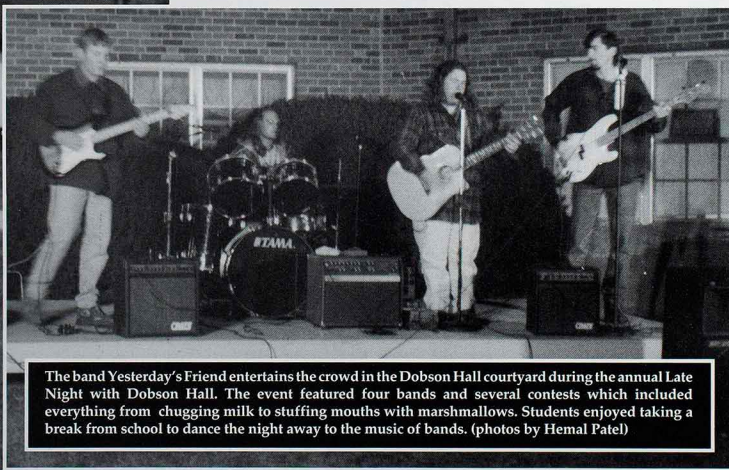
"I couldn't believe that some guy actually drank the milk in one hour," sophomore Ryan Schmid said. "That's never happened before."

Another event was the Slam Fest. Participants gathered on stage and engaged in a battle of insults.

"It's funny to hear a lot of people going off on each other," Cammarata said.

Overall, Senate was pleased with Late Night's turnout.

"I think Late Night gives Dobson Hall an image of 'we like to have fun' and we're serious about things because it took so many hours of work and so many people's efforts to put this all together," Hickey said. "I think it was very successful."



The band Yesterday's Friend entertains the crowd in the Dobson Hall courtyard during the annual Late Night with Dobson Hall. The event featured four bands and several contests which included everything from chugging milk to stuffing mouths with marshmallows. Students enjoyed taking a break from school to dance the night away to the music of bands. (photos by Hemal Patel)

ECO

Environmental Campus Organization

Row 1: Sarah Roll, Aimee Hellweg-president, Melissa Merideth-treasurer, Brian Yochim. Row 2: Rachel Pawlitz-vice president, Mary Ellen Novinger, Jennifer Painter, Shirley Arteaga, Jennifer Brostek.



Eta Sigma Gamma

Row 1: Dr. Beverly Tremain-adviser, Christine Nickels-secretary, Sandra Aguillon-vice president, Melissa Corona-president, Cathy Clements-treasurer, Dr. Ranjita Misra-adviser. Row 2: Christina Beck, Ginger Gill, John Newton, Sarah Conrad, Debbie Wilburn, Amy Evans, Thersa Duffy, Tammy Oberdieck, Sarah West, Mindy Norwood.



Explorer Post 403

Row 1: Carrie Roling-president, Mike Watson-vice president, Shelly Yaeger-secretary, Kara Wilcox-treasurer. Row 2: Kathy Painter, Kym Zimmer, Marcia Mullins, Annah Terry, Shelley Mundhenk, Lisa Smith, Amy LeBrell, Lisa Fagnini, Becki Weintraub, Kelly McGuire. Row 3: Andrew Lutz, Heath Hall, Monica Morris, Beverly Vogt, Patrick Kozemski, Charles Ledgerwood, Arthur Hoffman, Nicholas Iwig.



Graduate student Melissa Schudel and junior Shelley Yaeger lead a group of hikers. The Explorer Post spent Valentine's Day weekend loving the outdoors at Devil's Backbone trail in Columbia. The group camped out and roughed the chilly weather.



Rugged Adventurers Hit the Trail

by
Amber Willard

At least once a month, the Explorer Post 403 members packed up their bags and escaped Kirksville. Depending on the time of year, the group went backpacking, canoeing, rock climbing, rappelling or skiing.

Affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America, the Explorer Post was founded at Truman in 1992.

Sometimes members needed a little "push" to get into the activities. In the fall, the Post went rappelling, and senior Brian Drake explained that, as rappel master, he had to encourage a few members over the 60-foot edge.

The group went backpacking frequently during the fall and winter months. Trips led them through-

out Missouri and surrounding states. On a typical weekend trip, about 15 of the group's 50 to 60 members joined the excursion.

Each day, the members tried to cover 4-5 miles. Food was bought before the trip and packed into backpacks that contained tents, sleeping bags, extra clothes, personal toiletries, bottled water and cooking utensils. The backpacks weighed about 30 pounds.

"On a typical trip, we take the hotel with us," Drake said. "It's on our backs."

For spring break, the group went

backpacking on the Ozark Highland Trail in Arkansas. During that trip, the packs weighed as much as 70 pounds over the 20 to 30 mile trek. In the evenings on that trip, like other trips, the Post set up their tents and built a camp fire. After dinner, they gathered around the fire to tell stories and share camaraderie.

The group's adviser, Ken Carter, played John Denver and James Taylor songs on his guitar.

Each morning, the goal was to have everyone awake and the gear packed by 9:30 a.m. However, this usually did not happen. Explorer Post time ran about an hour slow, Drake said.

The group had a "specialty" dish that was usually prepared on each trip—the Hobo meal. It consisted of cabbage leaves, hamburger, seasoned salts and a few "secret ingredients." Other nourishment included Pop Tarts™, oatmeal, trail mix, granola bars, macaroni and cheese, rice and s'mores. The group even catered to vegetarian members, preparing special no-meat dishes.

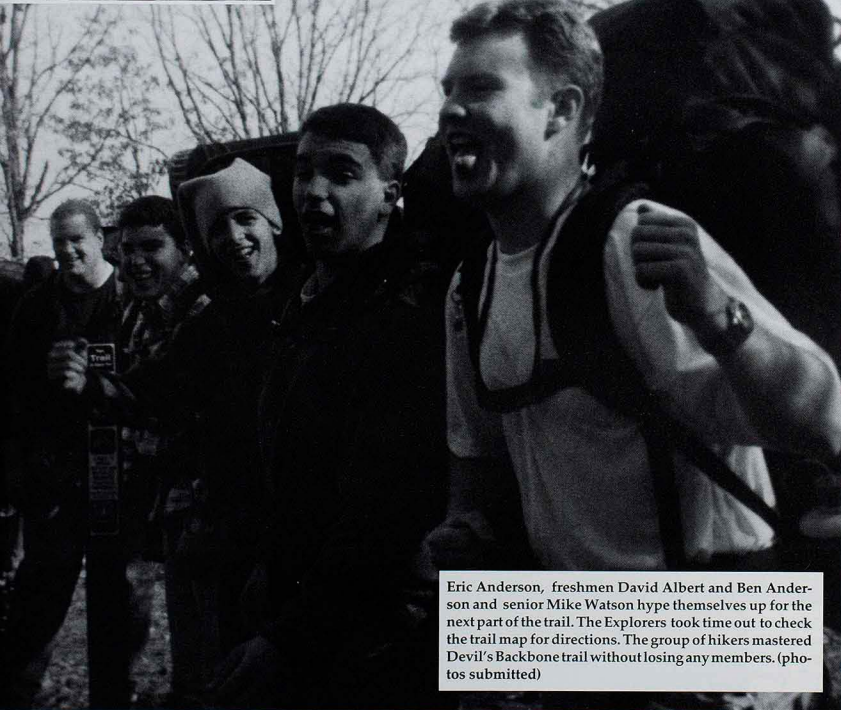
Members said friendships formed quickly after spending a few days together.

Even romance had a tendency to brew among the members. Several relationships developed within the group, reaching even the president, senior Carrie Roling and her boyfriend, senior Heath (H.T.) Hall.

In the spring, some members of the Post also soared above Kirksville in a small plane piloted by Drake.

Roling explained the activities of the group changed as the interests of the members changed, so when Drake got his pilot's license, he volunteered to take members for a ride. Members jumped at the opportunity.

"The people in the club, they roll with it and smile and have a good time, no matter what happens on the trip," Roling said.



Eric Anderson, freshmen David Albert and Ben Anderson and senior Mike Watson hype themselves up for the next part of the trail. The Explorers took time out to check the trail map for directions. The group of hikers mastered Devil's Backbone trail without losing any members. (photos submitted)

Dancin' in the Street

They were such good friends, they even sang as they tore down the risers after their rehearsals and performances.

For the 24 members of Franklin Street, Truman's show choir, rehearsal was a time to be with friends and have fun.

"It's like spending an hour and a half every day with your best friends," said Tim Dial, Franklin Street's assistant director. "One of the best parts of being in the group is having people support each other."

During the audition process at the beginning of the year, Dial and Jacqueline Collett, an associate professor of voice and director of Franklin Street, looked for performers who could combine singing and dancing with a good personality.

"This year they've been wonderful, and I think the personality is part of it," Collett said. "They are the nicest bunch of students I think I've ever had in my life."

As well as performing on campus, Franklin Street went on a three-day recruiting tour in the fall. The tour served as a time, early in the year, for the group to get ac-

by
Laura Marlin

quainted.

"Usually we stay at someone's house that is a member of the group," Dial said. "All of us invade this person's house for a couple of days."

"We take the fall tour because it's really when the group gets to know each other."

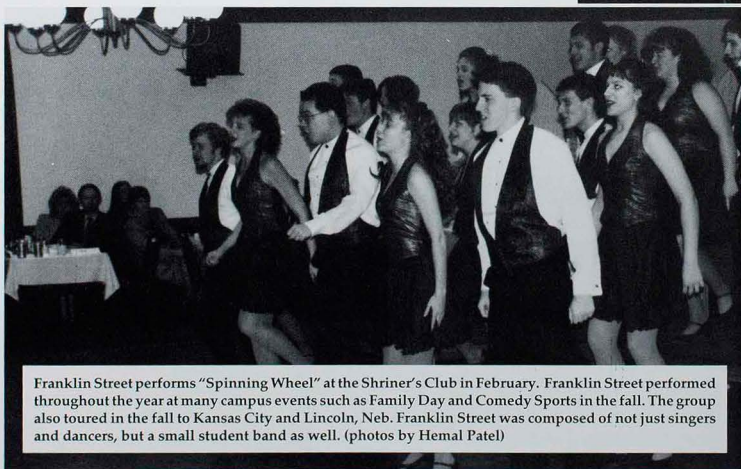
Due to their size, Franklin Street found getting to know each other easy.

"It's a smaller group, so everyone knows each other," freshman Shelly Jones said. "It's different than a huge choir where you don't really know everyone's name, like in University Chorus."

One thing members of the group learned quickly was Franklin Street's time commitment. Each member earned one credit a semester by spending four evenings a week in class. There were also about 12 performances, the recruiting tour and performing for groups that hired them.

"There's a lot of weekends that you can't go home because you have performances or practices or something," Jones said. "But if you enjoy it, it's worth it."

Freshmen Barrie Menousek, Jennifer Buchheit, sophomore Melissa Relkin and senior Damara Crist put some swing into their performance. Throughout their programs they performed dances to both traditional and popular music.



Franklin Street performs "Spinning Wheel" at the Shriner's Club in February. Franklin Street performed throughout the year at many campus events such as Family Day and Comedy Sports in the fall. The group also toured in the fall to Kansas City and Lincoln, Neb. Franklin Street was composed of not just singers and dancers, but a small student band as well. (photos by Hemal Patel)



Financial Management Association

Row 1: Danielle King-vice president of awards, Andie Trotter-secretary, Paul Lundstrom-treasurer, Mindy Frick-president. **Row 2:** Robin Pillen, Scott Hampson, Matthew Horn, Chris Bradley, Daniel Rush, Rob Dowl, Scott Bowling.



First Baptist Student Group

Row 1: Lori Cox, Russell Hardy-social director, Marlene Bowlin-secretary, Tom Tabb-Bible study leader, Vivian Coleman-campus minister. **Row 2:** Danita Bonvillian, Christopher Guillory, Karin Farber, Amy Taylor, Bill Vollmer, Jean White, Katy Hardy, Adam Adams.



Franklin Street

Row 1: Tim Dial-assistant director, Paula Stoff-section leader / choreographer, Eduardo Vigil-public relations, Bekka Meyer-choreographer, Mike Porter-section leader. **Row 2:** Katie Ware, Karen Keagy, Jenn Wood, Stacey George, Shelly Jones, Damara Crist, Melissa Relken, Kara Davis, Barrie Menousek, Jennifer Buchheit. **Row 3:** Andy Levy, Abner Ortiz, Matt Wilson, David Rogers, Casey Morris, John Spomer, David Seabaugh, Todd Kuhns, Jason Jester, Lance Meyer, Ryan Heckman, John Hubert.



German Club

Row 1: Katie Sausser, Katie Astrack, James Bang, Heather Carter, Whitney Oliver, Lisa Eaton.

Imagery in Action

Historical Society Homecoming Trivial Pursuit Game:

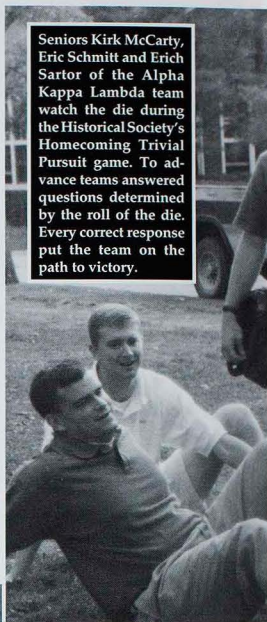
"The Trivial Pursuit game during Homecoming was great for the Historical Society. The participants had a great time, and the image the Historical Society tries to project got noticed."

- freshman Eric Whelchel

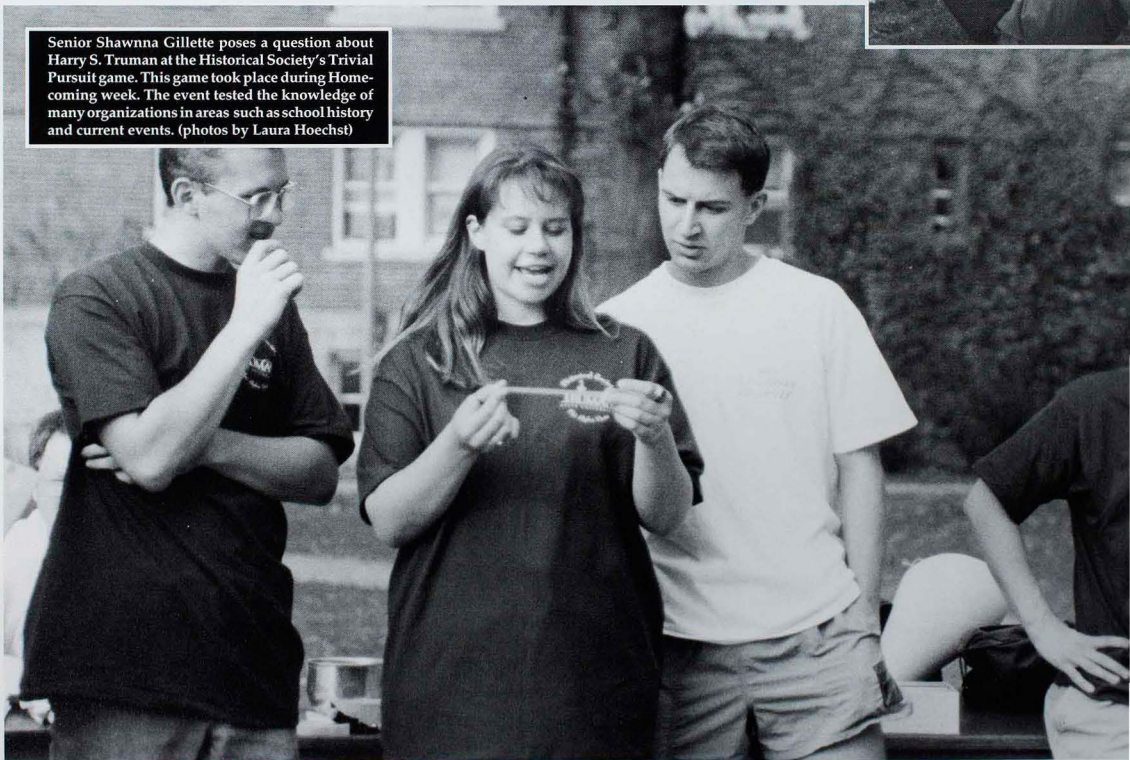
"I learned a lot about Truman in this game. It was really very fun and interesting."

-junior Josh Lenon

Seniors Kirk McCarty, Eric Schmitt and Erich Sartor of the Alpha Kappa Lambda team watch the die during the Historical Society's Homecoming Trivial Pursuit game. To advance teams answered questions determined by the roll of the die. Every correct response put the team on the path to victory.



Senior Shawwnna Gillette poses a question about Harry S. Truman at the Historical Society's Trivial Pursuit game. This game took place during Homecoming week. The event tested the knowledge of many organizations in areas such as school history and current events. (photos by Laura Hoechst)





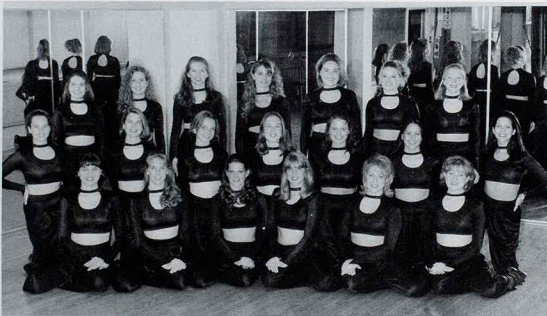
Habitat for Humanity

Row 1: Jeff Hollingsworth-sgt. at arms, Eric S. Schmitt-president, Dr. David A. Hoffman-adviser. **Row 2:** Mike Wells-ways and means chairman, Monette DeSimone, Jaime Forrester, Blake Petefish.



Health and Exercise Science Club

Row 1: Shannon Bruns, Lanee King, Liz Vermedahl-publicity chair, Greg Kristoff-vice president, Lori Cox-treasurer, AmberOtte. **Row 2:** Sandy Witte, Julie Rissman, Ann Kralik, Scott Roberts, Julie Whitley, Beth Schowe, Sonya Burgers, Kate Huedepohl, Matt Gervase, Katie Ballmann.



High Street Dancers

Row1: Elissa Ford, Laura Hoffman, Joanne Amelung, Chrystal Paulos, Kim Baker, Andrea Mueller. **Row 2:** Lindsay Benson, Lindsey Wade, Mary Johnston, Tawny Ross, Gretchen Fox-president, J.P. Gunderson, Paula Aguilar. **Row 3:** Kelly Bliley, Amanda Guelker, Lauren Staub, Renee Manley-Markowski, Kelly Burkemper, Meagan Bonnell, Ann Miller. (photo submitted)



Historical Society

Row 1: Ben Jewell, Sarah Lucas-treasurer, Joe Chierek-vice president, J.J. Orey-president, Lori Sheridan-secretary, Joshua Lenon. **Row 2:** Amanda Crowell, Marijane Farrell, Kevin Koch, Eric Whelchel, Angela Ellis, Becky Hilburn, Paul Padberg, Ryan Totten. **Row 3:** Laura Rodey-social chair, Sean M. Carney, Eric Proebsting.

Horseman's Association

Row 1: Jodi Heckethorn-historian, Christina Truesdale-sophomore executive, Cara O'Connor-secretary, Andrea French-president, Cassie Cotto-Thorner-vice president, Matt Ebert-public relations, Melissa Hofmeister-executive. **Row 2:** Shiloh Hale, Darci German, Gabe Fisher, Evan Black, Dave Janney, Ann Zimmerman, Jenny Duncan, Amanda Miller.



Horse Judging Team

Row 1: Christina Truesdale-co-historian, Gabe Fisher-vice president, Tracy Snider-president, Lisa Brokaw-secretary. **Row 2:** Charlie Apter-adviser, Valerie Zemple, Evan Black.



Iguana Paintball Club

Row 1: Nathan Byrnes-president, Mike Maloney-vice president, Travis Ogle-dy-treasurer, Tim Deveney-secretary. **Row 2:** Jessica Kusick, April McRaven, Lindsay Switzer, Christine Gaydos, Kristi Doyle, Devon Palmer, Emily Meierotto, Michele Chandler, Mari Quinn, Amy Maslan, Molly Nahm, Heidi Williford. **Row 3:** Eric Dieckmann, Tricia Kyler, Chris Schlueter, Amanda Blagg, Jessica Dugger, Tammy Morris, Arlo Gatchfield, John Bonham, Jacob Scott III, Gregg Gourde.



Index

Row 1: Krista Grueninger-head copy editor, Susan Behrens-opinions editor, James Hart-news editor, Aaron Manfull-editor in chief, Scott Hale-managing editor, Matt Schott-sports editor, Heather Morris-ad manager, Dena Higbee-on-line editor. **Row 2:** Christy Brown, Brenda Weishaar, Sandy Gulotta, Bonny Young, Nate Landsbaum, Andy Gensler, Brett Vito, Betsy Riley, Mary Ziegler, Erin Conroy, Mike Cavato, Joe Chierck. **Row 3:** Jocelyn Auckly, Nathan Fleishchmann, David Fortney-adviser, Nathan Beyer, Brad Mudd, Becky Huber.



News Editor James Hart and senior Becky Huber prepare articles for the on-line edition of the *Index*. Putting the *Index* on the World Wide Web allowed easy access to the paper for students, staff and alumni. The paper could be viewed at <http://index.truman.edu/>.

Web Sight

by
Ben Douglas

In the world of the information superhighway, it didn't do any good to stay in the driveway. The *Index* did its part to get Truman State University into the passing lane, all with just the click of a mouse.

Through the collective efforts of several students, the campus newspaper went on the World Wide Web.

The project began in June 1996 when student Milan Shah approached Aaron Manfull, editor in chief of the *Index*, with the idea. Manfull, who was already looking for someone to undertake the project, worked with Shah throughout the summer to get the page underway.

"Basically, it was just a matter of taking the initiative," Manfull said of the student involvement in the project.

In August, senior Dena Higbee took over the page from Manfull and Shah and was responsible for getting the page on-line every Wednesday night with the help of sophomores Imran Mohsin and Nathan Beyer. Beyer took over the project as on-line editor for the spring semester.

"It took quite a bit of work since we were new to the process," Higbee said. "The first

night I think I was up until five or six in the morning."

Manfull said one of the future goals for the homepage was to expand on the *Index*. He wanted to offer some different items, including more columns and pictures. Browsers were content with knowing that the computer edition of the *Index* was on-line up to 12 hours before the paper edition hit the streets.

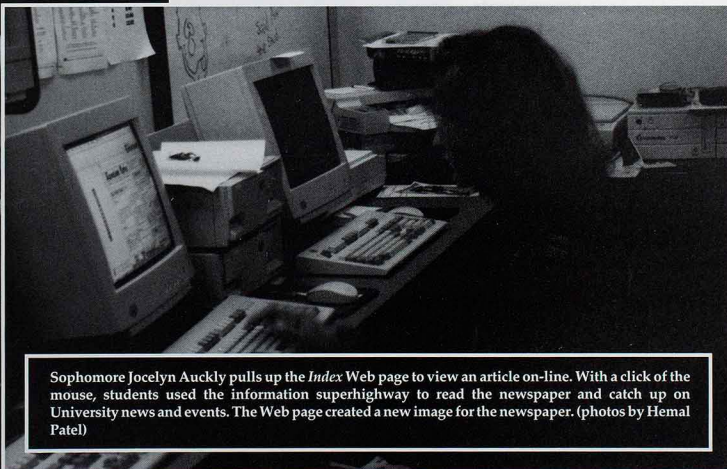
"Nowadays, it seems like more college students are on computers than are reading newspapers," Higbee said. "It's a way to get more information to more people."

The homepage received quite a favorable response.

"We're giving alumni and other people a chance to see what's going on around here," Manfull said.

If students wanted the opportunity to see Truman State University on an international scale, they went to their computer and accessed the *Index* home page.

On-line traffic moved fast, so they remembered to wear their seatbelt.



Sophomore Jocelyn Auckly pulls up the *Index* Web page to view an article on-line. With a click of the mouse, students used the information superhighway to read the newspaper and catch up on University news and events. The Web page created a new image for the newspaper. (photos by Hemal Patel)

International Students Club

Row 1: Mohammad Tanzir Emdad, Ivan Alexandov Konstatinov, Meghan Alexander-secretary, Liz Hopkins-president, Javier Cargol-vice president, Nikolay Atanasov Duzounov, Aureliga Purlyte. **Row 2:** Vishnu Taimni, Michael Baudisch, Eva Malleier, Janaka Madawela, Joshua Lowndes, Andris Pels, Bernardo Hernandez, Andrius Juknys, Liu Xin, Lawrence Chui, Maria Jose Carrasco, Maria Augusta Carrasco, Diane Willams. **Row 3:** Tarique Khan, Frederique Toty, Cisse Seynabou, Zaeen Rahman, Shamim Razzak, Kumar Mukherjee, Ruben Ambrose, Fawaz Rob, Hironobu Ichihara, Balazs Horvath, Maryline Chedal-Anglay, Sandrine Joinis. **Row 4:** Susan Lin, Monique Conze, N. Gunes Akkus, Claudia Wolf, Jennifer Schreuder, Shigeru Koumura, Yusuke Shimizu, Hongzheng Shi, Derek She, Yuki Uchida, Chongliang Li.



International Students Club

Row 1: Eva Schmidt, Sarah Zhang, Miyuki Kojima, Nanka Yoshida, Misa Komatsu, Nao Inoue, Hsiu-hsien Chang, Nari Kim, Kaori Jida, Mi-Jung Park. **Row 2:** Sophie Lechartier, Sohpie Clavelier, Vladimir Konstantinov, Dmitry Rozhetskin, Olga Shevtsove, Nikolai Ivanov, Dimitry Korolenko, Aleksey Zimin, Polina Vlasenko, Iwashita Saeko, Suzuki Mishiko, Megumi Ichimura. **Row 3:** Himaja Wijenayke, Adriana Pequeno, Samila Mihindukulasuri, Delsanee Kotandeniya, S.M. Shafiquel Islam, George Kojarev, Lazar Gintchin, Syed Imran Mohsin, Harshini Jayaratne.



Kappa Delta Pi

Row 1: Sarah McNeely-secretary, Jennifer Ward-historian, Christy Redenbaugh-president, Gary Carmichael-treasurer, Beth Lock-fundraising chair. **Row 2:** Jennifer Roach, Hina Patel, Jennifer Tadsen, Ryan Totten, Karrie Cherry, Laura Fenlon, Stacey Erkiletian, Teri Fields, June Wright.



Freshman Dafros Mudyirwa from Zimbabwe performs a native dance. She was one of many performers throughout the night. The evening was a success in bringing the community together to celebrate other cultures.



Celebrating A World of Differences

by
Nancy Reschly

Students and local residents were treated to a taste of the world on Nov. 17 at the annual International Dinner.

More than 400 people attended the sold-out International Dinner, one of the largest ever. Beef curry from Sri Lanka and chicken korma from India were a few of the 31 entrees included in the buffet—the largest ever offered.

"This is an elegant way to display the presence of international students on our campus and what they contribute," said Dawn Lundell of the International Student Office, coordinator for the dinner.

Senior Liz Hopkins, president of the International Club, welcomed

the dinner guests and introduced the large group of international students. As guests waited for their turn to go through the buffet line and eat dinner, six different student groups provided entertainment.

Juniors Maria Stylianou and Christiana Yiangou, both from Cyprus, performed Greek show tunes. They chose music that represented their country with its distinctive Middle Eastern influence.

"There are very few people from Cyprus in Missouri, and I hope this music lets people know Cyprus

does exist and it does have a different culture," Yiangou said.

Other entertainment included African dancers, a Japanese pianist, two Bulgarian guitarists, a soloist from Bangladesh and a Spanish student singing with a choral group.

Senior Erica How, from Malaysia, spared the spices when she prepared Malaysian curried green beans for her American guests. From her cooking experience at the last three international dinners, she learned to use the minimum amount of spices or most Americans would find the food unpleasantly spicy.

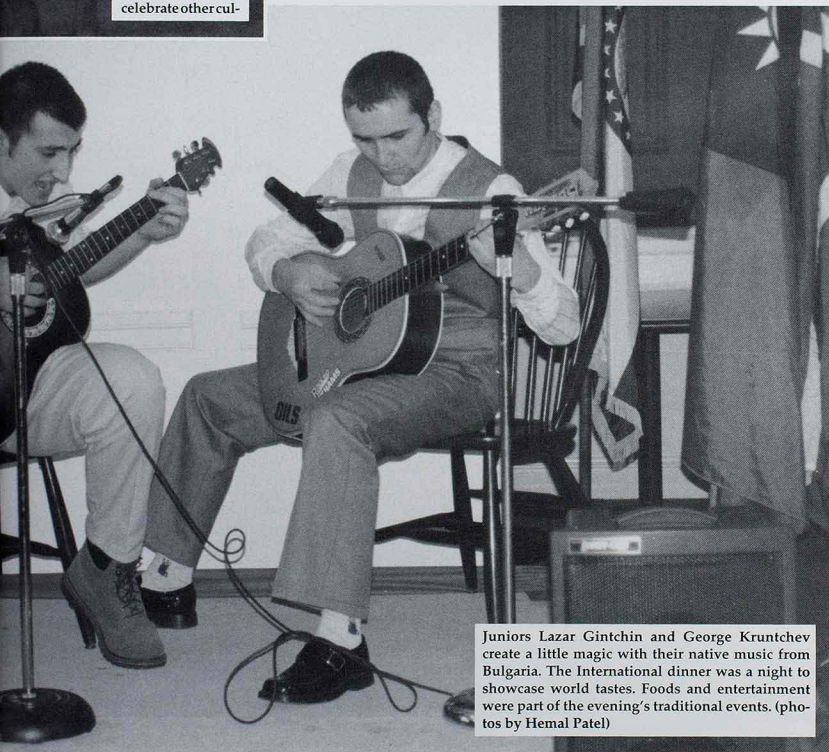
How used 13 pounds of green beans and sliced each one lengthwise before sautéing them with sliced onions and adding spices. She prepared enough for 200 portions served over rice.

How didn't have any problem finding the spices she needed for her dish, but some students preparing foods from the Middle East, Japan and Africa could not get needed ingredients at stores in Kirksville. Lundell took a few students to specialty shops in Columbia where they found and purchased most of the hard-to-get ingredients they needed for their recipes.

One of the spices purchased in Columbia was pilau masala, the main spice freshman Evelyn Kamau, from Kenya, and junior Evas Dusabe, from Uganda, needed to make African pilau. Kamau and Dusabe followed no recipe, but made pilau from experience. Their beef and vegetable dish was served with rice and commonly prepared for special events like weddings in their home countries.

Freshman Monique Conze prepared caprese, and said preparing the Italian appetizer was a lot of work, more work than she expected or had done for so many people before.

Freshman Dafros Mudyirwa from Zimbabwe performs a native dance. She was one of many performers throughout the night. The evening was a success in bringing the community together to celebrate other cultures.



Juniors Lazar Gintchin and George Kruntchev create a little magic with their native music from Bulgaria. The International dinner was a night to showcase world tastes. Foods and entertainment were part of the evening's traditional events. (photos by Hemal Patel)

Then There Was Light

Every once in a while, the *Echo* inspired people.

Of course, they were a very special group of people.

They were the Lightkeepers, a group of approximately 30 men dedicated to making certain the sun always rose at Truman.

The organization was established at Truman in Fall 1995 after charter members browsed through the *Echo*. After looking at pictures of organizations they had not heard of, the men decided to begin a group of their own—one committed to preserving light and good humor.

"I guess you could say we're spreading light on campus, but we're just doing that by having a good time," Deus Luminus Christian Chenoweth said.

A president of sorts, Chenoweth served the Lightkeepers in a unique way. As Deus Luminus, he was responsible for distributing flashlights if the sun set in Kirksville and never rose again.

"A lot of stuff we do has a subliminal meaning, or a double meaning," Chenoweth said. "So you can't just take it at face value."

An example of this was the

by
Kelli Hauser

Lightkeepers' charter, which stated the group reserved the right to wage war on other campus organizations. For the Lightkeepers, embellishment was fun.

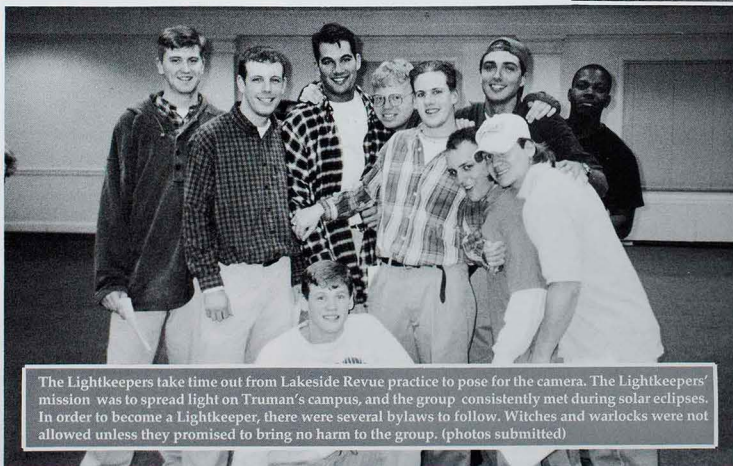
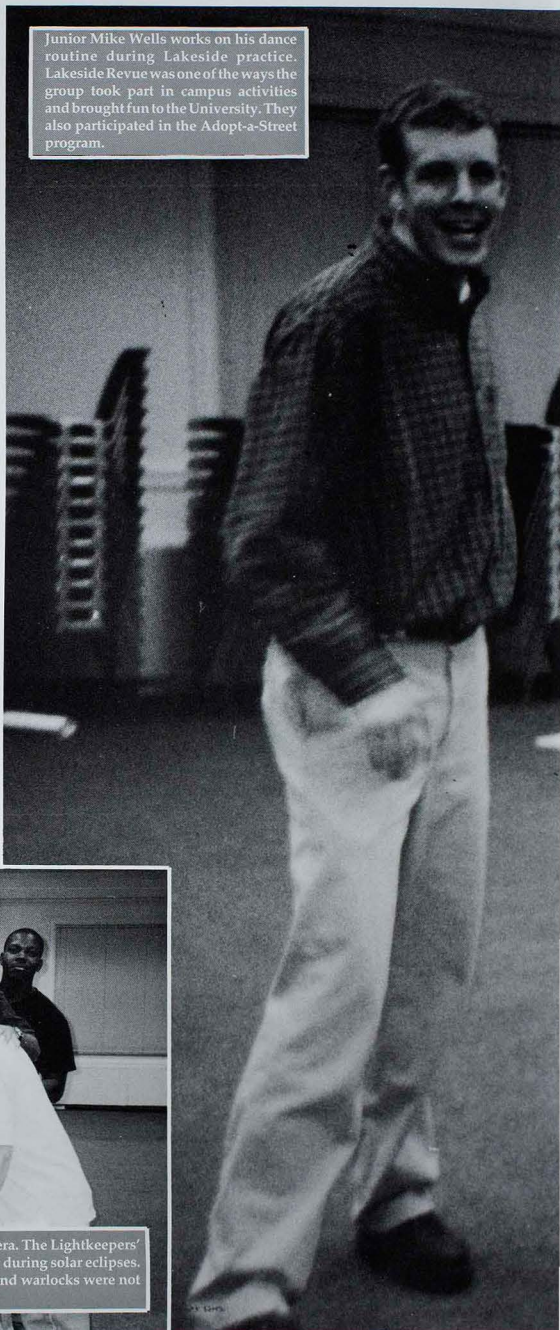
"The guys that started it were really humorous guys," Jedi Oracle Eric Schmitt said. Schmitt's duties included serving as rush chair.

Chenoweth said members were chosen carefully, and the fall and spring application process was highly selective with about 60 men applying each semester but only 15 or so chosen. The Lightkeepers had a strategic screening process.

"One of the things we really pride ourselves on is that we're able to eat a lot of fudge," Chenoweth said. At the Activities Fair, where the Lightkeepers had a recruitment table set up, potential members were offered fudge. Chenoweth said whether they opted to enjoy the fudge was an excellent indicator as to whether they possessed Lightkeeper spirit.

"If you see someone walking across campus, you can tell if they have the ability to spread light," Chenoweth said.

Junior Mike Wells works on his dance routine during Lakeside practice. Lakeside Revue was one of the ways the group took part in campus activities and brought fun to the University. They also participated in the Adopt-a-Street program.



The Lightkeepers take time out from Lakeside Revue practice to pose for the camera. The Lightkeepers' mission was to spread light on Truman's campus, and the group consistently met during solar eclipses. In order to become a Lightkeeper, there were several bylaws to follow. Witches and warlocks were not allowed unless they promised to bring no harm to the group. (photos submitted)



Kappa Mu Epsilon

Row 1: Douglas Cutler-historian, Jennifer Griswold-treasurer, Kristen Moffitt-vice president, Laurel Berner-secretary, Dr. Mary Sue Beersman-adviser, Vlad Jirinec, Rob Kelley. **Row 2:** Nichole Kelly, Russ Whiteford.



KNEU

Row 1: Brad Mudd-sports director, Ben Douglas-chief announcer, Elizabeth Kelly-promotion director, Erin Harms-music director, Susan Senger-fall station manager, Adena Emmons-news director, Will Robinette-sales director, John Hart-adviser. **Row 2:** Erik Meyer, Justin Kanoya, Christina Paulsell, Liz Kedley, Amberly Lebeck, Eric Halbert, Karin Stollenberg, Emily Fortman, Betsy Riley, Laughton Messmer, Mary Ziegler, Joshua Lenon, Dakin Dugaw, Andrew Warner. **Row 3:** Eric Proebsting, Meghan Cronin, Brad Belvo, Dustin Sollars, Ben Jankowski, Casey Kusiak, Elizabeth Keppel, Carolyn Hepburn, Jill Goodheart, Harry Harris, Jessi Schurmacher, Chris Tilley, Carrie Hartung, Will Smith.



Lambda Alpha Epsilon

Row 1: Tim Lemen, Kristin Helke-treasurer, Jennine Adamek-president, Carrie Stock-vice president, Jennifer Baker. **Row 2:** Shelly Shafer, Sarah Ledgerwood, Sandra Tatoian, Mary Prescott, Curtis Pote, John Bacevicius VI. **Row 3:** Gwen Mittler, Valerie Elkins, Chris Young, Amy Krakowiecki, Christy Stephen.



The Lightkeepers

Row 1: Aaron Huckstep-oracle of Ra, Clay Degenhardt-child of Prometheus, Christian Chenoweth-Deus Luminus, Jason Schwent-eclipterian, Mike Wells-illuminarian, Mike Subracko. **Row 2:** Dan Huss, Brett Johns, Donald Snyder. **Row 3:** Tiffani Truitt, Giuseppe Giardina, Michelle Thevil.

Imagery in Action

Mediators Assisting Disputants

"Our main goals are education and public relations for our first couple of years. We want people to feel comfortable asking for our help. We need to be respected and trusted."

-co-president Sara Lieb

"Our goal for the next two years is to be an organization recognized by campus. We want people to be satisfied and comfortable with using our services."

-co-president Sarah Detweiler



Junior Dan Maranan, sophomores Sherry Bartow and Cara Clark and freshman Anne Rundle participate in a mock conflict. Mediators Assisting Disputants was an organization that offered mediation to campus individuals and organizations. Their purpose was to educate the campus and community about communication skills. (photos by Hemal Patel)



Sophomore Sherry Bartow carefully listens during a mock dispute. The student mediators used training sessions and meetings to prepare their organization for future mediation of on-campus disputes. The organization grew from six members to 27 in two years.



Lutheran Fellowship

Row 1: Mark Appold, Joel Dieterichs, Debbie Hunt, Emily Gluesing, Joy Wenger, Amy Linsenhardt.



MAGIC-Missouri Hall Senate

Row 1: Natalie Marshall-activities director, Janelle Zupancic-president, Sara Durham-secretary, Kevin Nance-CHANL representative. Row 2: Dominique Sclaro, Nathan Personett, Benjamin Kappelmann, Matt Davis, Wendy Holloper, Julie Rupp, Katie Stokes, Tracie Lynn Adams.



Mediators Assisting Disputants

Row 1: Amy Piper, Sara Lieb-co-president, Sarah Detweiler-co-president, James Schmieder-officer, Ashlea Fuller. Row 2: Stephanie Rowe, Paula Fehrenbacher, Cara Clark, Yoki Ishioka, Jen Frei, Aaron D. Winkler, Kris Hegger, Amanda Mitchell, Amy Bauer, Jenny Sajevic. Row 3: Amy Steelman, Katie Cook, Jamie Osborn, Sarah Steele, Michelle Landers, Dan Maranan, Anne Rundle, Tabitha Myers, Sherry Bartow, Jennifer Joachimstaler, Chris Flieger.



Men's Volleyball Team

Row 1: Jeremy McCormick, Thaddeus Baker, Matt Saabye, Vlad Jirinec. Row 2: Douglas Cutter, Johnny Childs, Mike Gottman, Brenden Clark.

Model UN United Nations Association

Row 1: Kevin Bauer-rapporteur, Amy DeBaets, Lara Blake-secretary general, Tracie Lynn Adams-under secretary-internal, Kristi Barton-under secretary general-external.
Row 2: Lennora Jules, Dr. Marijke Breuning-adviser.



The Monitor

Row 1: Kristen Vogel-photographer, Jason Clampet-editor, Laughton Messmer-editor, Ann Price-editor. **Row 2:** Maggie Thurman, J. Clayborn White, Jill Goodheart-copy editor, Steve Grote-photo editor, Katie Riley, Elizabeth Keppel, Kimberly Urish-Runyon.



National Education Association Student Program

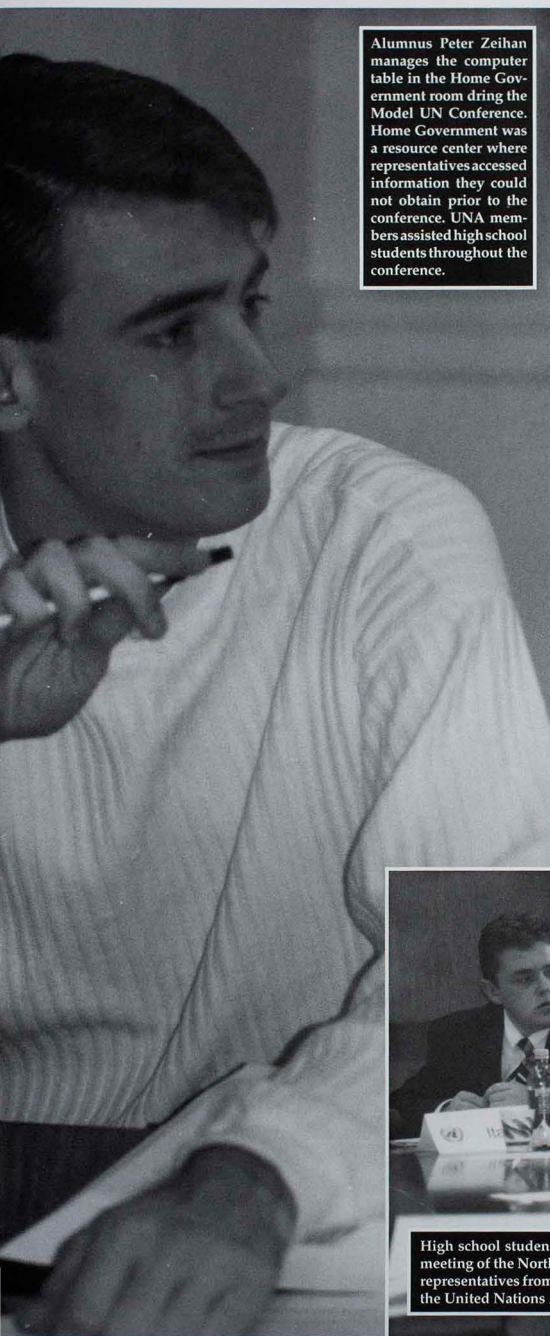
Row 1: Hina Patel-vice president of membership, Carol Burkhardt-vice president of programming, Laura Talbott-president, Johnna Klein-spokesperson, Kathleen Flynn-secretary/treasurer. **Row 2:** Beverly Vogt, Leanna Graham, Andrea Gervais, Teri Fields, Carolyn Vibbert, Kimberly Kovash, Jennifer Tadsen.



NORMAL National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws

Row 1: Joe Fueemmler, Margie Medaris, Jen Bowling-vice president, Jaime Halla-treasurer, Blake Thomas, Bradley Harmon. **Row 2:** Monette DeSimone, John Hubert, Megan Kathol, Nancy Kolocotronis, Katie Cadwell.





Alumnus Peter Zeihan manages the computer table in the Home Government room during the Model UN Conference. Home Government was a resource center where representatives accessed information they could not obtain prior to the conference. UNA members assisted high school students throughout the conference.

Uniting Nations

by
Elizabeth Kelly

Students motioned a change in world policy.

The United Nations

Association hosted the high school Northeast Model United Nations March 20-24. Seven high schools attended from Missouri, Iowa and Kansas. The high school students simulated the United Nations role-playing representatives of various countries.

"I like seeing the kids get into it," said Lara Blake, a UNA member and a NEMUN secretary general. "The debate can get very heated, and it's a lot of fun to see them working."

The students participated in the General Assembly, three committees of the GA, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council. They debated issues relevant to their country and the international scene.

A program bonus was the Historical Security Council where Students simulated United Nations decisions for the year 1956. One hot issue was the Suez Canal. Members of the UNA created a crisis situation the students had to solve.

Saturday, Blake strode into the Historical Security Council meet-

ing. She delivered an urgent memo informing students Egypt nationalized the Suez

Canal, an actual historical event. The students continued chatting, and not one member blinked.

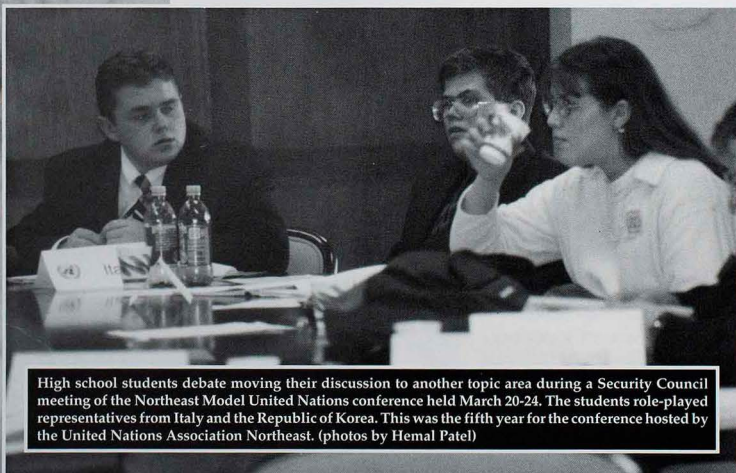
"If they don't do something about the situation, we make it blow up in their faces, so they have to deal with it," Blake said.

At 5:30 a.m. Sunday, Historical Security Council members received calls waking them from slumber. The UNA summoned each member to a Council meeting. The report -- Kadar, the Hungarian Premier was found dead 30 ft. from the Soviet Embassy in Budapest. He was poisoned by a Soviet ambassador.

The students worked toward solutions immediately. Through a series of decisions, the students created World War III.

Blake said the students thought it was cool creating war, but she considered it a sad situation. Other UNA members considered the situation a highlight of the event.

"My favorite part is creating the crisis situation," UNA Rapporteur Kevin Bauer said. "We always try to make it as real as possible."



High school students debate moving their discussion to another topic area during a Security Council meeting of the Northeast Model United Nations conference held March 20-24. The students role-played representatives from Italy and the Republic of Korea. This was the fifth year for the conference hosted by the United Nations Association Northeast. (photos by Hemal Patel)

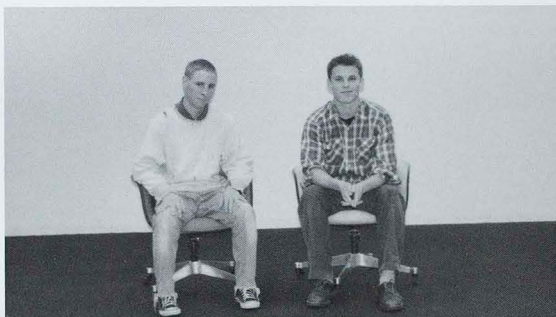
Omicron Delta Kappa

Row 1: Marni Laverentz, Chad Wolbers-treasurer, Shahzad Naseem-president, Jake Cowan-secretary, Dr. David Hoffman-adviser. **Row 2:** Susan A. Bucher, Mindy Norwood, Mark Wissel, Janna Willhaus, Katie Ballmann, Amanda Matz, Jennine Adamek, Andie Trotter, Marc Pelini, Patrick Cross. **Row 3:** Katherine Noll, Mini Tandon, Nicole Shine, Mike Vaughn, Adam Backman.



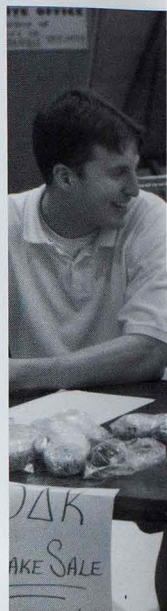
Peeker Club for Kids

Row 1: David Newcombe, Chad Odgers.



Phi Alpha Theta

Row 1: Angela Ellis-president, J.J. Orey-vice president, Shawwna Gillette-secretary, Jeffrey Lee Hartnett-treasurer. **Row 2:** Rena Vannoy, Sean M. Carney, Suzzie Huff.



Leaders Create Truman Traditions

by
Chris Coffey

Truman's own society devoted to leadership and diversity helped generate positive effects on the campus and its surrounding environment.

The society, comprised of both students and faculty advisers, took pride in its first major event since Truman's Omicron Delta Kappa chapter was granted a charter in 1993.

ODK led the campus into the new era of Truman State University when it arranged and sponsored the first Truman Day. The event was held in early September, and it entertained many students and faculty.

"We want [Truman Day] to be a tradition from now on," senior Amanda Matz said.

Truman Day was a celebrated festival in the truest sense. Throughout the day, people attended the Activities Fair, a barbecue and a carnival in Red Barn Park, which included various novelty acts, such as a bungee run.

Music performed by various Truman student ensembles and a speech given by President Jack Magruder gave way to a final, extensive fireworks display seen from miles around.

"It's a great opportunity to bring together a diversity of students in order to celebrate the University and what it has to offer," President

Jake Cowan said.

A leadership society, ODK prided itself on five pillars. These were scholarship, athletics, campus or community service, speech and mass media and the creative and performing arts.

ODK strove to be as representative as possible of people on campus.

Mark Shanley, dean of student affairs, was one of the faculty members who took an active role in ODK.

"We have a remarkable balance, and that particularly brings me joy in being the secretarial adviser," Shanley said.

Members remained active throughout the school year after Truman Day.

Weekly meetings brought up various discussions of new projects, and once a month ODK brought speakers to their meetings. These speakers were prominent members of the faculty and staff who explained certain campus-related issues. The group also met with President Magruder to discuss how relations between the students and the University were going. Any advice that would benefit both the administration and the students was given.

Another venture for ODK dealt with gaining new members.

Potential members endured a drawn-out process of nomination, letters of recommendation and interviews by the active members of ODK. Shanley said the selection was competitive.

"They must indicate a strong commitment," Shanley said.

Only after this rigorous process were new members chosen.

Students who thought of ODK strictly as a resume-builder were surprised each member of the society remained so active throughout the school year.

"For me, as dean, to work with such dedicated students is really a payoff," Shanley said.

Junior Brian Peeters and senior Andy Dykens sell cookies to help fund future Omicron Delta Kappa activities. ODK was the backbone behind the 1996 Truman Day. Members were proud of its success and planned to make Truman day a tradition. (photo by Hemal Patel)

Senior Jennine Adamek and junior Brian Peeters meet with President Jack Magruder to discuss University matters. Omicron Delta Kappa members shared plans for the 1997 Truman Day. Magruder also updated the members on University construction projects and curriculum plans. (photo by Laura Hoechst)

All That Jazz

Potential Truman students showed they could toot their own horns.

by
Jamie Stafford

Twenty-eight high school bands and jazz combos from various parts of Missouri visited the Truman State University campus to compete during the 29th annual Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Jazz Festival.

The purpose of the festival was to promote music, especially jazz, on the Truman campus and in Kirksville, junior Rob O'Brien said. O'Brien said another goal was to get more involvement from the campus and to promote what Phi Mu Alpha did.

The festival, held Feb. 22, drew more bands than previous years but featured only one artist.

When students were not competing, they had the opportunity to listen to trumpet player Jon Faddis.

Faddis, musical director of the Carnegie Hall Jazz Band, offered personal advice as well as musical instruction to the high school students.

Faddis said the most important thing was for students to enjoy what they were doing. He encouraged musicians to help others with less

experience.

Faddis also expressed the importance of studying past

musical masters.

"When I was young and had a chance, they [the masters] were always very helpful to me, not only with trumpet, but with lessons in life," Faddis said. "I'd like to try to pass on these same lessons because the youth are our future."

Although there was no formal music scholarship tryout, junior Brian Moline said members hoped to recruit students with musical talent by giving them a good impression of the University.

"The main purpose of the competition is educational," Moline said.

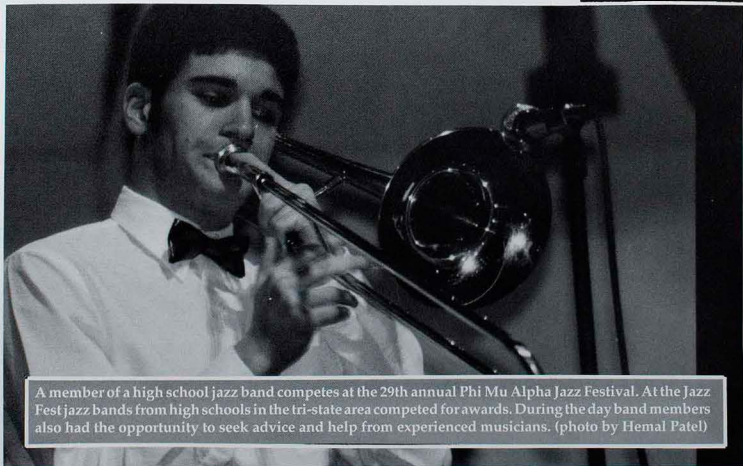
Moline said the judges gave the students constructive comments to help them improve their musical skills.

Phi Mu Alpha took responsibility for organizing the festival.

"It is almost a year-round project," Moline said.

The group started planning for the event in September, and began plans for the 1998 competition after the event.

John Faddis intensely plays his trumpet at the 29th annual Phi Mu Alpha Jazz Festival. Faddis came to Truman as a well-known trumpet player in the music world. Faddis played with such artists as Billy Joel and the Rolling Stones. (photo by Mary Ziegler)



A member of a high school jazz band competes at the 29th annual Phi Mu Alpha Jazz Festival. At the Jazz Fest jazz bands from high schools in the tri-state area competed for awards. During the day band members also had the opportunity to seek advice and help from experienced musicians. (photo by Hemal Patel)

Phi Beta Lambda

Row 1: Cindy Irvine-treasurer, Robin Pillen-secretary, Gina Giesler-vice president, Marcia Mullins-president.
Row 2: Barb Espe-adviser, Jennifer Besand, Sheila Vomund, Sandy Bernacki, Heidy Williford.



Phi Eta Sigma

Row 1: Michael Bradley, Chad Kerkick, Danielle Smith, Lori Lyons, Maria Carrasco. **Row 2:** Kristin Juul-secretary, Teresa McAlpine-vice president of activities, Melissa Anderson-historian, James Bang-vice president of membership, Jenny Church-vice president of membership, Carrie Leonardo, Molly Ulrick-president.



Phi Mu Alpha

Row 1: Eric Blankenship-parliamentary warden, Christopher Coffey-secretary, Ray Richmond-president, Brian Moline-vice president, Kyle Engelhardt-fraternal education officer. **Row 2:** Philip Goering, Greg Cornelius, Tim Bierbaum, Rob Strickland-alumni secretary, Chris Wilson-treasurer, Bryan Mason-historian, Joe Turner, Bill Bequette, Mark Kamil. **Row 3:** Brad Balog, Rob O'Brien, Jim Geisler, Brian Dean, John Kreicbergs, Matt Shivelbine, Jon Schindler, John Spomer, Rick Ball, Wes Scott, Ryan Heckman. **Row 4:** Chris Ranner, Eric Straubmuller, David Seabaugh, Chris McKeane.



Phi Sigma Pi

Row 1: Carrie Erwin-big brother adviser, Fiona Alexander-historian, Julie Korth-co-initiate adviser, Sarah West-homecoming chair, Scott Maschmann-fundraising chair, Kimberly Simmons-public relations co-chair, Jennifer Allie-social chair, Beth Belval-service chair. **Row 2:** Christy Hotger, Sarah Derks, Monica Stone, Stephanie Blalock, Danette Thomas, Jen Crouther, Kellie Kamp, Gina Karst, Sara Lieb, Bridgette Collins, Sheri Delgman, Kristi Lenhardt. **Row 3:** Stacy Hawkins, Janice Capes, Leanne Erickson, Melissa Meisterheim, Katy Bryan, Carola Suarez, Andrew Lutz, Jeff Leipholtz, Sara Hixson, Kristen Sorensen, Gretchen Bruemmer, Eric Disney. **Row 4:** Julie Nenninger, Sarah Loseman, Diane Wiele, Amanda Niemietz, Theresa Eggleston, Matthew Shannon, Peter Reid, Tim Beffa, Naren Findlay, Chadd Zimmerman, Sara Durham, Liz Lach, Brian Hockett.



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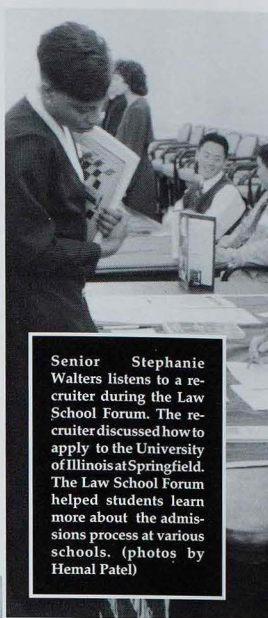
Pre-Law Club
Law School Forum:

"It's a real benefit to members of the Pre-Law Club and to students of Truman State University who are interested in law because they learn more about the admissions process and what exactly law schools are looking for by talking to the actual admissions representatives or alumni, or even the actual law school students themselves."

-Sophomore Julia Kitsmiller
Pre-Law Club president

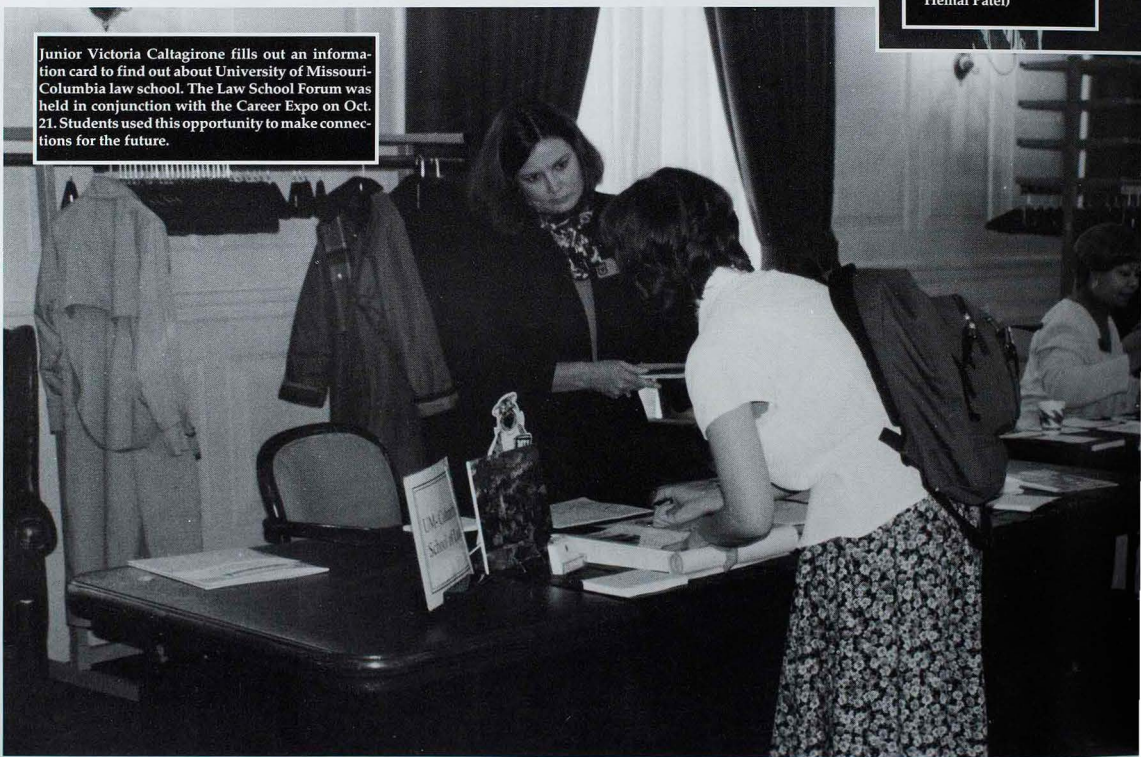
"The Law School Forum is an advantage to us because it's a time when we get to make connections and show our faces to the school. We get information from the school, and that helps us decide whether we want to go to that school or not."

-Junior Joel Block
Pre-Law Club vice president



Senior Stephanie Walters listens to a recruiter during the Law School Forum. The recruiter discussed how to apply to the University of Illinois at Springfield. The Law School Forum helped students learn more about the admissions process at various schools. (photos by Hemal Patel)

Junior Victoria Caltagirone fills out an information card to find out about University of Missouri-Columbia law school. The Law School Forum was held in conjunction with the Career Expo on Oct. 21. Students used this opportunity to make connections for the future.





Phi Sigma Pi - Honorary Leadership Fraternity

Row 1: Ryan Totten-parliamentarian, Sandy Upchurch-treasurer, Jennifer Meyer-historian, Belena Smith-vice president, Tracy Reynolds-president, Jennifer Bosshardt-initiate adviser, Karin Drown-secretary, Amy Bowers-recording secretary. Row 2: Katherine Cumming, Janette Mialkowski, Lisa Tornabeni, Kerri Phillips, Jessica Dixon, Suzanne Sherman, Karen Brown, Jenny Morey, Carolyn Smith, Carrie Woodrum, Edna McLain, Zoe Jansson, Sara Ferrell, Erin Gray. Row 3: Julie Major, Sara Stienecker, Christy Straatmann, Jennifer O'Brien, Donna Sherman, Nancy Lamon, Jennifer Benigno, Jennifer Kopp, Jennifer Horton, Joseph Totten, Heather Kabara, Carrie Parnell, Joanna Andrews, Courtney Rahn. Row 4: Eleana White, Leslie Engebretson.



Pi Delta Phi - French Honorary Fraternity

Row 1: Brenda Lasey-treasurer, Mandi Vittoe-president, Nicole Faria-vice-president, Jennifer Giles. Row 2: Natalie Whitten, Kathleen Gawronski, Adrienne Gerke, Amy Benoist, Linda Kunz, Jennifer McKellips, Sarah Dunn, Jennifer Donovan, Jean-Patrick Nangle. Row 3: Andrea Hussey, Sophie Lechartier, Sophie Clavelier, Alexandra Allal, Aldrick Allal, Monica Stone, Jennifer Chase, Candice Greer, Jennifer Tadsen.



Pi Kappa Delta - Forensics Team

Row 1: Adam Swisher-vice president, Kelly Watson-president, John Bacevicius VI, John Hart-director of forensics. Row 2: Laura McManemy, Angie Miller, Lauren O'Neal, Amberly Lebeck, Heather Ann Helm, Teresa Marchand, Jeremy Loscheider, Lisa Eaton, Graham Cridland, Kevin Nance.



Pre-Law Club

Row 1: Julie Kitsmiller-president, Joel Block-vice president, Karin Stollenberg-secretary, Maya Rittershouse-treasurer, Kevin Koch. Row 2: Scott Maschmann, Chris Flieger, James Lee, Lisa Eaton, Shana Stribling, Christine Kinsella.

Pre-Physicians Organization

Row 1: Justin McWilliams, Sarah Zapf-president, Barbra Frietsch-vice president, Lynette Greunke-parliamentarian, Michelle Norton-secretary. **Row 2:** Greg Williams, Elizabeth Karstens, Melida Sanderson, Christina Tate, Jessica Arnold, Megan McBride, Dave Pagano, Karin Wirsig, Cassy Cooksey, Melissa Seifert, Alicia Hopper, Shelly Russell. **Row 3:** Kenna Johnson, Mary McBride, Nicole Shine, Sarah Lutter, Mini Tandon, Kathy Doan, Melanie Yuracko, Kendra Allton, Charis Phillips, Joy Wenger, Debbie Moeller, Miriah Plawer, Gerilyn Hoven, Kathy Malcom, Ryane Thomas. **Row 4:** Kate Cuniff, Claire Rosche, Holly Wherry, Laura Walters, Temeka Lewis, Philip Goering, Amy Sanders, Kenyatta Eleby, Mike Watson, John Alexander, Andy Dean, Howard Grattan, Lisa Fagnani.



Pre-Veterinary Club

Row 1: Liz Norby-treasurer, Dana Kirby-co-president, Libby Ottiger-co-president, Amanda Gallo-secretary. **Row 2:** Lisa Fritsch, Meggan Bayer, Tiffani Truitt, Melissa Moore, Shiloh Hale, Gabe Fisher, Andrea Louscher, Kelly Emmenegger, Christina Truesdale. **Row 3:** Jenny Duncan, Becki Weintraub, Karen Roberts, Annah Terry, Kim Dembinski, Jen Harlin, Becky Rumley, Philip Briscoe, Chris Baughman.



Prism

Row 1: Jeremy Anders, Nancy Kolocotronis, Wendy Hehn, Katie Cadwell, Bradley Harmon. **Row 2:** Leo Kirsch, Grayce Donovan, Richard Barkley.



Psi Chi

Row 1: Judi Misale-faculty adviser, Julie Lindstrom-treasurer, Jennifer Wheelon-president, Hina Patel-vice president, Jen Goedecker-parliamentarian. **Row 2:** Amanda Crenshaw, Janette Mialkowski, Amy Volz, Kym Zimmer, Juanita Myles, Shannon Ross, Shannon McCarty, Joanna Andrews, Bentley Miller, Alicia Ito. **Row 3:** Diana Roshek, Stephanie Thomsen, Kimberly Kerlin, Susan Riethmann, Christina Meyer, Erin Gray, Sarah Brown, Nicole Yanick, Carrie Plocher, Shirley Arteaga, Amy Steelman, Rebekah Oehring. **Row 4:** Stefanie Moeller, Grant Casady, Susan Kehoe, Jennifer Carter, Brian Yochim, Kristin Orf, Jamie Osborn, Sara Lieb.



Senior Becky Schnarre and junior Michelle Knipman work the registration table for the Psi Chi Psychology Research Conference on Feb. 22. The conference included a keynote speaker and student research presentations. All students were welcome to attend.

Delving Deeper

by
Wade Alberry

other disciplines doing research related to the psychology field.

On Feb. 22, Psi Chi, the national honor society for psychology students, held its second annual Psychology Research Conference.

Psi Chi hosted the conference to give students, faculty and alumni the opportunity to present research and give presentations on various field topics.

"This was a great day for psychology students to learn more about the field and how to succeed in it," said senior Susan Bucher, student co-chair of the conference.

Presentations were kicked off by keynote speaker Robert D. Shoop, manager of Selection Services for Missouri.

Shoop spoke on finding a job to distinguishing oneself within the psychology field. He also spoke about using the internet to look for a job and gave tips on interviewing.

Student presentations followed, with a question and answer session after each presentation.

There were 15 presentations, by both teams and individuals, on topics ranging from "Career Expectations of Freshmen and Seniors" to "Reasoning Styles."

Student presentations included

Later, a faculty panel spoke on topics such as graduate school and finding a job within an area of psychology. The faculty gave students a lot of the ins and outs on applying to, and getting into, graduate school, covering topics from how to find a reference and how to select a good graduate school.

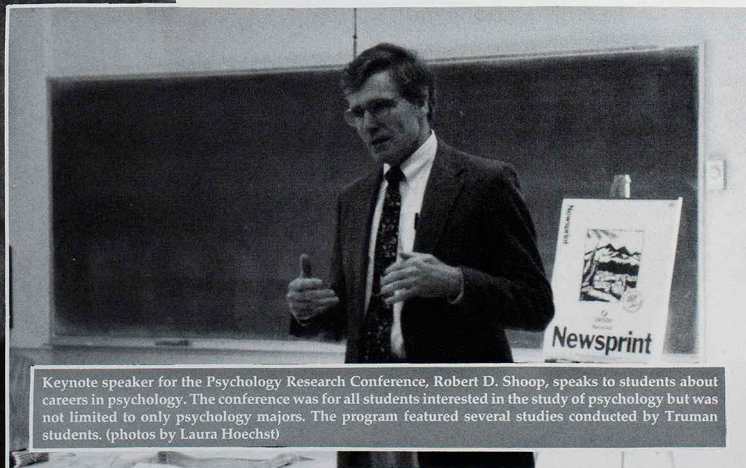
The alumni panel then finished up the program, giving presentations on what to expect from graduate school. The panel also gave students tips on getting into graduate school.

Both the faculty and alumni panels gave students a good look at graduate school, and many of the possibilities that came with it.

"We had a lot more faculty turn out this year," senior Kimberly Kerlin said. "The conference is catching on and students are realizing it is a good thing."

Bucher agreed, citing the conference as good experience.

"The conference offers students good practice for the Undergraduate Research Symposium later in the spring," she said.



Keynote speaker for the Psychology Research Conference, Robert D. Shoop, speaks to students about careers in psychology. The conference was for all students interested in the study of psychology but was not limited to only psychology majors. The program featured several studies conducted by Truman students. (photos by Laura Hoechst)

Readers Roundtable

Row 1: Al Weitz-adviser, Dawn Citrin-treasurer, Marsha Holtgrewe-president, Elizabeth Oder-vice president.
Row 2: Jed Carleton, Aaron Cronk, Joshua Hudson.



Roller Hockey Team

Row 1: Kevin McCoy, J.T. Wiley, Dan Thomasson, Eric Habert, Sean Doherty, Jason Long, Ken Garthe. **Row 2:** Andrew Stough, Jeff Leipholtz, Mike Factor, Keith McCoy, Jason Tuffli, Steve Pollihan. (photo submitted)



ROTC Cannoneers/Colorguard

Row 1: Christine Schamber, Kathryn Spiegel, Commander J.J. Klay, Sammy DeOrnellas-executive officer, Mike Maloney-financial NCO, Catherine Pezold-secretary, Naedrie Olmstead, Joe Selby. **Row 2:** Constance C. Kovach, Michael S. Shadle, Joseph Bruhl, Miriah Plawer, Christopher Guillory, Anthony Markiewicz, Christina Yeager, Michele Chandler.



Right defensive player Jason Long controls the puck on his way toward the goal. The first game ended in a loss against Purdue University. The first-year Truman team was challenged by teams that had played together for years.



Roller Hockey Takes Shot at Nationals

by
Dave Gragg

When Truman students thought of founding fathers, they may not have considered the Truman Roller Hockey Team.

The team members, however, were among the founding fathers of the College In-line Hockey Association.

The team was one of eight college teams that went to the first national college tournament in Las Vegas. While there, everyone on the team signed a jersey, which they planned to put in the CIHA Hall of Fame once it is constructed.

Against schools where team members had been playing together for years, the first-year Truman squad was only able to

pull off a sixth-place finish.

"We could have done better, we were just as competitive as any other team," club vice president Jason Long, said.

Team captain Eric Habert, said the team's biggest problem was that they lost their first game to Purdue, and they could not place any better than fifth after that.

Long said the team made a good impression on everyone, and in the 1997 season, people would know where Truman State University was. Club president Sean Doherty,

was even impressive enough to be named for showing the best sportsmanship of the tournament.

While they were there, the team did more than just play hockey. Doherty said it was a good time to get to know the other guys on the team, because they hung out together, and worried about hockey instead of school.

There were also the common experiences of the team, such as when they met the baggage handler at the St. Louis airport. He followed the team to Las Vegas and watched them play. For the next five days, he became the designated stick and bag boy. Another team bonding experience was renting a U-Haul to get back and forth in, because taxis cost \$120 a day, and the U-Haul was almost \$100 less.

Habert hoped that with the tournament, people would stop considering in-line hockey a fad. He had played both kinds of hockey and said the sports were different. In-line hockey could be played anywhere, and there were even exhibition games at the Olympics.

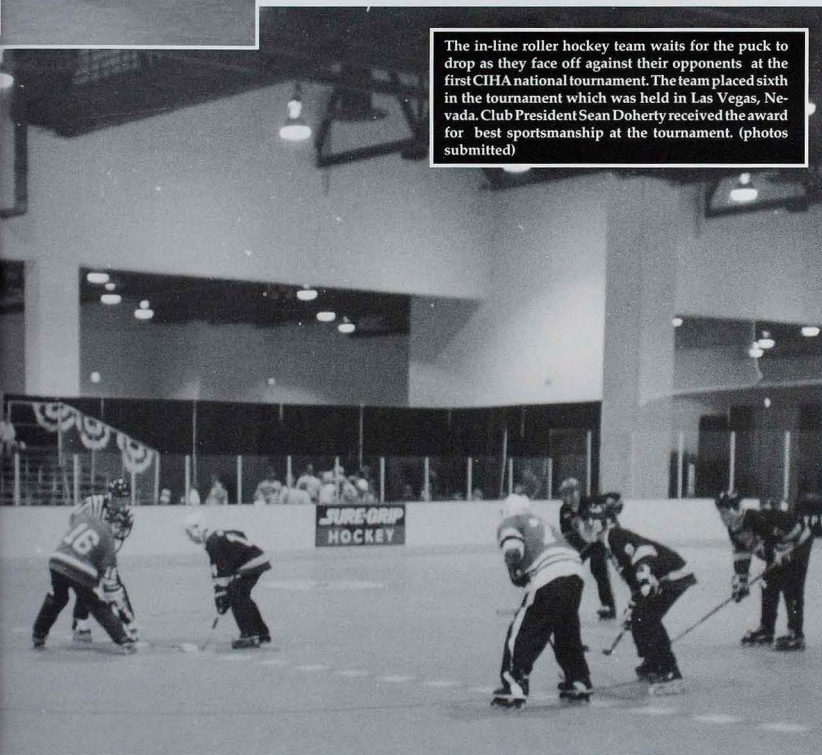
Doherty said the team was working with the team at University of Missouri-Rolla to set up a Midwest League. Members of the Midwest League would be able to schedule tournaments against each other and send tournament winners to the CIHA national tournament.

The team looked forward to the completion of the Truman Recreation Center, because it would give the team a place to play in Kirksville, instead of Macon where they played previously.

Long and Habert said team jerseys started to become popular on campus. Even in Las Vegas, people asked the team members where they got their jerseys. The team took pride in this and in their continued success.

"We expected to get to the point where we are, but we didn't expect to get there this fast," Long said. "This sport has really exploded."

The in-line roller hockey team waits for the puck to drop as they face off against their opponents at the first CIHA national tournament. The team placed sixth in the tournament which was held in Las Vegas, Nevada. Club President Sean Doherty received the award for best sportsmanship at the tournament. (photos submitted)



Burn Baby Burn

The women of Ryle Colleges brought back the spirit of the 1970s with Bra Fest '96.

Ryle Senate sponsored a bra-burning in Red Barn Park on Oct. 2. The event was open to everyone on campus.

The idea for the bra-burning began when Treasurer Jennifer Whiting complained about her uncomfortable bra during a senate meeting. She said she spent a lot of money on a nice-looking bra, and it was the most uncomfortable thing she had ever worn.

Senate members could relate to her problem and joked they should just burn their bras.

"It began as a joke, but then we started taking the idea seriously," freshman Laura Crandall said. The plan was to burn the uncomfortable undergarments and relieve stress before midterm exams.

Crandall and Whiting planned the event along with their Phenomenal Women committee. The committee was responsible for building the community within Ryle Colleges.

Crandall said this event also in-

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Jennifer Odefey

volved the campus community. They did a lot of publicizing for the event and invited

the entire campus community.

"I thought it would just be people from Ryle who came, but there were a lot of other people there too," Crandall said.

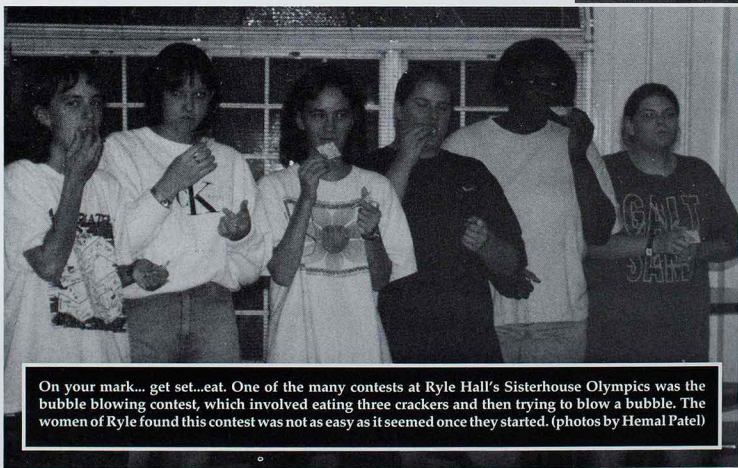
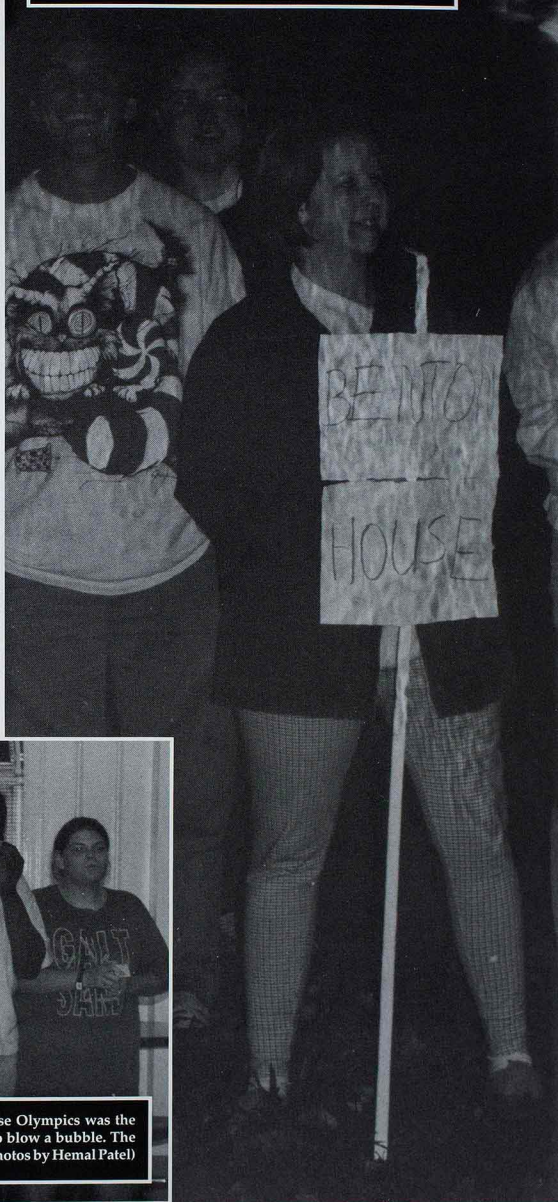
About 70 people came to the bonfire and burned bras, underwear, pantyhose and other pieces of clothing. Some male students joined in by burning their boxer shorts.

"Our first goal was to provide a program to promote unity among the women of Ryle," Whiting said. "Our second goal was to have fun, and thirdly, we wanted to point out that bras are uncomfortable."

Bra Fest '96 provided an opportunity to compete for the Bronze Bra, a traveling trophy the 10 houses of Ryle competed for throughout the year.

Field House won the Bronze Bra award by having the largest number of members in attendance at Bra Fest '96. Their slogan was "The house that learns together burns together."

Freshman Melanie Supranowich and sophomore Suzanne Robinson support their Ryle Hall houses by carrying signs at Ryle Senate's Bra Fest '96. Chanting "burn that bra" allowed students to relieve stress and make a statement. The houses of Ryle competed for the hall trophy: the Bronze Bra.



On your mark... get set...eat. One of the many contests at Ryle Hall's Sisterhouse Olympics was the bubble blowing contest, which involved eating three crackers and then trying to blow a bubble. The women of Ryle found this contest was not as easy as it seemed once they started. (photos by Hemal Patel)



ROTC Ranger Challenge

Row 1: Michele Chandler, David Gead, Heather Clark, Scott Wence, Colleen Meyer, Misty Collins, Mike Maloney, Anthony Markiewicz. **Row 2:** Nicole Sergott, Will Frazier, Jay Marvin, Ryan Campbell, Sean DeCoursey, Michael Raley, Alex Ramage, Jason Jones, Brendan McEvoy, MSG Paul Pherigo, 2Lt/IF Ryan L. Vangel.



Ryle Hall Senate

Row 1: Sarah Gordon-vice president, Liz Frederick-secretary, Jennifer Baumann-president, Keslie Patton-historian, Jennifer Whiting-treasurer, Holly Young-CIA. **Row 2:** Brie Cantrell, Megan Malcolm, Melanie Supranowich, Suzanne Robinson, Laurie Pierce, Amber Hendrix, Sara Denny, Emily Zesch, Laura Crandall, Gretchen Timm.



SALSA

Row 1: Adriana Pequeno, Tim Prott, Shirley S. Arteaga, Jimmy Ruiz. **Row 2:** Caroline Hernandez, Laura Rodey, Frankie Huertas Jr., Sarah Roll, Liza Dalecku.



Shotokan Karate Club

Row 1: Joann Albert, Paul Cihunka, Will Paddock-vice president, Martin Bodnkham-Sensei, Matthew Alexander-president, Natalie Levine, Andrew Kuhlman-treasurer. **Row 2:** Donald Smith, Trisha Okuna, Yuki Uchida, Kimberly Thomas, Paul Scott.

Imagery in Action

Sigma Alpha Iota Small Ensemble Recital

"One of the purposes of Sigma Alpha Iota is to promote music throughout the campus and community. The Small Ensemble Recital gives students besides music majors a chance to perform in a recital."
-senior Jennifer Norton

"By offering concerts like this, it gives students on campus a chance to see their peers perform."
-sophomore Tina Kuenzel



Sigma Alpha Iota members direct student pianists to their positions as they prepare to perform Mozart's "Adagio." The students were among the many who utilized the opportunity to practice and perform before a small audience. Although many of the performers were music majors, all Truman students were invited to participate. (photos by Cheri Heiser)

Sophomore Jennifer Floyd plays her violin during the Sigma Alpha Iota-sponsored recital. The event was put on annually by SAI. The recital brought music to campus for all students to enjoy.



Showgirls

Row 1: Amanda Cox, Sami Wilson-co-captain, Sally Walz, Jessica Brand-secretary, Julia Hempel. **Row 2:** Megan Fuller, Monica Houghtlin, Jennifer LaMantia, Amy Clark, Angie Martin, Lorena Navarro-co-captain, Janet Monroe.



Sigma Alpha

Row 1: Kate Campbell-president, Tracy Snider-first vice president, Sarah Brubaker-second vice president, Kathleen McDuffie-treasurer, Jennifer Dolphino-rush chair, Liz Norby-alumni chair, Valerie Zemple-secretary. **Row 2:** Libby Ottiger, Ann Marie Zimmerman, Melissa Hofmeister, Beata Helton, Shiloh Hale, Marlene Bowlin, Jaime Miller, Jodi Heckethorn, Christine Ham, Amanda Gallo, Christina Truesdale. **Row 3:** Arlene Nohilly, Tonya Pearce, Andrea Louscher, Ashley Davison, Amanda Miller, Jenny Duncan, Carrie Bubb, Jennifer Schullian, Emily Dombek, Dr. Glenn Wehner-adviser.



Sigma Alpha Iota

Row 1: Cassandra Anders-treasurer, Melissa Fadler-vice president/ritual, Karinsa Dieckmann-president, Molly Augspurger-vice president/membership, Tia Bivens-corresponding secretary. **Row 2:** Becky Salaban, Karen Luzader, Amy Woulfe, Marilyn Rippy, Laura K. Bode, Amy Colston-editor, Charity L. Boeger-sgt. at arms, Kara Johnson, Shannon Bross, Katie Ware, Jennifer Floyd, Tina Kuenzel. **Row 3:** Jennifer Norton, Jennifer L. Slack, Amy Fingerhut, Emily Linton, Holly Lynn Barr, Stefani Stangler, Channa Sullivan, Kara Davis, Melissa DeLeal, Erin Ramsay, Shanna Kraemer, Mary Ellen Delsing, Laura Cross. **Row 4:** Claudine Baehr, Brittany Beihl, Paula Stoff, Katherine O'Connor.



Sigma Beta Delta

Row 1: Chia-Yu Lin, Andrew Mun-vice president, Laurie Turner-president, Stephen Allen-adviser, Yu-San Lee. **Row 2:** Tammy Gorman, Kelly Perez, Debra Cartwright, Lori Suttie, Susan Beeler, Debra Kerby, Mary Lagermann, Sandra Fleak, Maggie Glenney, Tami Poehlman, Stacey Deere. **Row 3:** Michael Shine, Chris Bradley, Sarah Stolle, Rob Dowll, Mike Cavato, Russ Whiteford.

Sigma Delta Pi

Row 1: Liza Dalecki-historian, Jennifer Roach-president, Caroline Hernandez-treasurer. Row 2: Laura Rodey-vice president, Shirley S. Arteaga-president.



Sigma Tau Delta

Row 1: Jill Goodheart-secretary, Dawn Citrin-president, June Wright-vice president, Colby Dickinson-historian. Row 2: Laurelyn Roberts, Amanda Niemietz, Jennifer Tadsen.



Student Missouri State Teachers Association

Row 1: Heather Hackmann-historian, June Wright-vice president of programming, Kathleen Forck-president, Laurelyn Roberts-secretary, Valerie Radek-treasurer. Row 2: Teri Fields, Jennifer Mang, Jenn Payne, Michelle Pattavina, Mary Ellen Hanft, Lisa Tornabeni, Courtney Rahn, Kristina Meyer, Angie Houchin, Emily Steffans, Michelle Janson, Erin Gray. Row 3: Christy Straatmann, Beth Lock, Kimberly Kovash, Brandy Branson, Janet Noll, Ryan Totten, Kevin O'Grady, Nathan Hardesty.



Society for Creative Anachronism

Row 1: Brian Romine, Anne McKinney, Melinda Adams, Angela Meador, Amy Pearson, Elizabeth Keppel.



Sophomore Sabrina Gibbar reads Tarot cards predicting students' futures at The Society for Creative Anachronism's Spring Fair. Tarot cards and palm readings were two popular activities students frequented during the day. Looking into the future was a way of looking into the past and celebrating the Renaissance period.

Renaissance Revival

by
Elizabeth Kelly

Doth thee darest to do battle?

Swords drawn, the Society for Creative Anachronism dueling the rain and each other during their Spring Fair on April 5. The fair was scheduled to appear on the Quad, but rain forced the members to the first floor of Kirk Building. Nevertheless, the members of the society brought their love of the Renaissance period to life with everything from palm readings to sword-fighting demonstrations.

"I think the best part of the day was the fighting because people were in the stands and cheering on the participants," freshman Brian Romine said.

The crowd received quick lessons in fighting etiquette. The members were gracious enough to explain their madness before the actual battle. Since the fighting moved from the Quad to Kirk Gym, the crowd was small but involved.

The society also sought the involvement of its co-sponsors, Campbell Apartments and Alpha Phi Omega. These organizations added creative twists to the fair. At one table, students crowded around

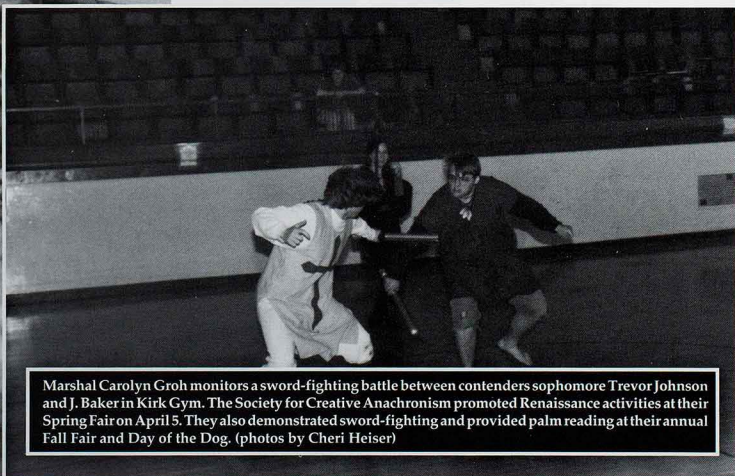
watching heated wax melt into a myriad of crayola colors. The final product was a self-designed candle.

"Everyone's favorite booth was the candle-making APO did because it was flashy, and people weren't intimidated by it," President Trevor Johnson said.

Students faced the intimidation of the unknown when they looked into their futures at the palm reading and Tarot card tables. Other options included chain mail, calligraphy and hair wraps. The activities celebrated the time period from 600-1600 A.D. which was the society's main focus.

"It wasn't a smashing success, but it was a success," Johnson said of their first attempt at a Spring Fair in several years.

The rain wasn't the society's only damper. The society also dueling the lack of national membership. Although they were not yet an official chapter of the national Society for Creative Anachronism, they planned to join in the future. They also wanted to increase membership and promote the organization through further involvement in Day of the Dog and the annual Fall Fair.



Marshal Carolyn Groh monitors a sword-fighting battle between contenders sophomore Trevor Johnson and J. Baker in Kirk Gym. The Society for Creative Anachronism promoted Renaissance activities at their Spring Fair on April 5. They also demonstrated sword-fighting and provided palm reading at their annual Fall Fair and Day of the Dog. (photos by Cheri Heiser)

Society of Professional Journalists

Row 1: James Hart-secretary, Elizabeth Kelly-vice president, Jamie Stafford-president, Neil Ralston-adviser. Row 2: Lennora Jules-treasurer, Christy Brown, Jennifer Odefey, Alyssa Conine, Eric Granger, Jill Snitker, Heather Ann Helm, Megan Watson. Row 3: Marya Lucas, Dena Higbee, Karin Stoltenberg, Susan Senger, Jocelyn Auckly, Monica Moore, Brad Ross, Kelli Hauser.



Spanish Club

Row 1: Jeremy Resman-secretary, Stephanie Miller-vice president, Amy Peckitt-president, Amy Holbo-treasurer. Row 2: Jennifer Roach, Amanda Hagen-Stapleton.



STARS

Students to Assist Recruitment of Students

Row 1: Lynn Obermark, Elaine King, Elizabeth Mals. Row 2: Shelly Grail, Christine Robben, Laura Townsend.



Freshman Melissa Hargrave makes a phone call to a prospective student. STARS members spent time answering questions concerning the University. Many of the questions came from parents who were anxious about sending their child off to college.



Trumans' Shining STARS

by
Alyssa Conine

When it came time for high school students to choose a college, it helped to receive advice from someone once in their shoes.

Volunteers for the Students To Assist Recruitment of Students program remembered how difficult it was to be a high school senior in such a complicated position. Their goal was to ease any worries of prospective Truman students by calling them and answering any of their questions about the University.

STARS volunteers worked twice a week, making calls from the Admissions Office. At the beginning of the year, they approached students with high ACT scores and encouraged them to apply to

Truman. Later, when applications were turned in and acceptance letters distributed, they called students who were accepted to the school.

Elaine King, student coordinator for the STARS program, said the volunteers were frequently asked questions about housing, the atmosphere on campus and what kinds of activities were available on and off campus.

STARS volunteer Melissa Hargrave came to Kirksville from southern California and was often asked why she traveled such a long

way to attend Truman.

"They are usually surprised that I came from such a bustling city to the middle of nowhere," Hargrave said. "I wanted to get out of California, and I thought this was one of the best schools in the Midwest."

When students received phone calls, they were not usually sure what to ask. Questions ranged from wanting to know if STARS were paid to speak well about the University to the ratio of men to women on campus.

"Housing is the main topic," King said. "They want to know which dorm is best and what they offer in the dorms. We don't say which is best. We find out what they are looking for."

King said the number and length of the calls varied each week, depending on the questions the prospective students asked. She said some calls lasted up to 40 minutes, and often parents asked most of the questions.

The goal of STARS volunteers was to aid potential students in making their decision about whether to attend Truman. Sometimes people were annoyed by the calls and made any excuse they could to avoid staying on the phone.

Freshman Laura Westhoff said she made a call to a girl who pretended to be someone else so she would not have to talk. Eventually, the girl thought of a question she wanted to ask and had to change her story. She said she was asking the question for the other girl.

The program was beneficial for the incoming students and the volunteers as well.

"I like being able to spread the reputation of the school," Hargrave said. "I like that I can help prospective students. When someone called me, I know it made me less nervous about coming here because I had heard answers from an actual student instead of just a pamphlet or an administrator."

Freshman Melissa Hargrave, junior Elaine King and freshman Laura Westhoff review what they are going to say to prospective students during their phone conversations. STARS worked two nights a week in the admissions office making calls. As student coordinator, King took a great deal of time to make the prospective students feel wanted at Truman. (photos by Hemal Patel)



Four Create Flood

They took campus by storm as they flooded the air with a little heavenly music.

Jars of Clay brought their talent to campus Oct. 26 for the Student Activities Board's fall concert. The opening act for Jars of Clay was the alternative music group The Gufs.

SAB sought out Jars of Clay because of the response to the student interest survey. Jars of Clay was a popular choice of students.

Other students were not familiar with the band but decided to attend the concert because it was a change of pace from normal nightlife in Kirksville.

"I haven't heard much about them, so I wanted to come and see what they were all about," sophomore Paul Downing said.

The concert was well received by the campus with over 1,200 people attending, event chair Caroline Horn said.

The evening began with a music style that was in contrast to that of Jars of Clay. The Gufs warmed up the crowd with its hard-hitting alternative style.

"I like the beat of their songs," freshman Julie Olson said. "They

by
Jennifer Baumann

make me smile. I don't really think about it, I just like it."

Jars of Clay took the stage in a dramatic style with a flood of light accompanied by their pop violin stylings.

The height of the evening was when the group performed its Billboard hit "Flood."

After the concert, both groups spent some time at the concession stand signing autographs and talking to fans.

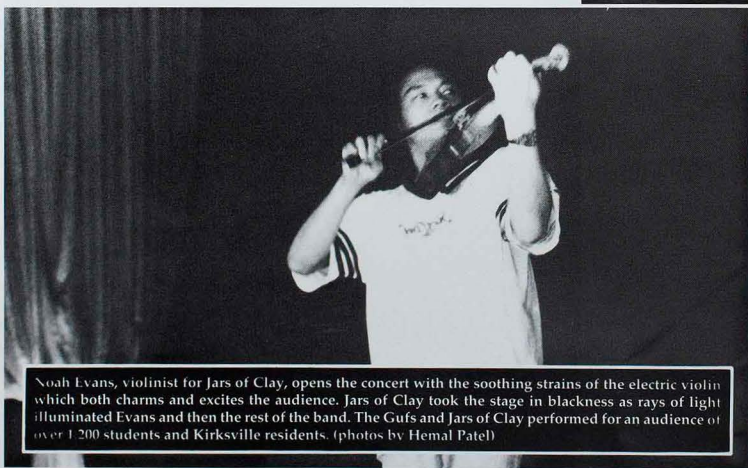
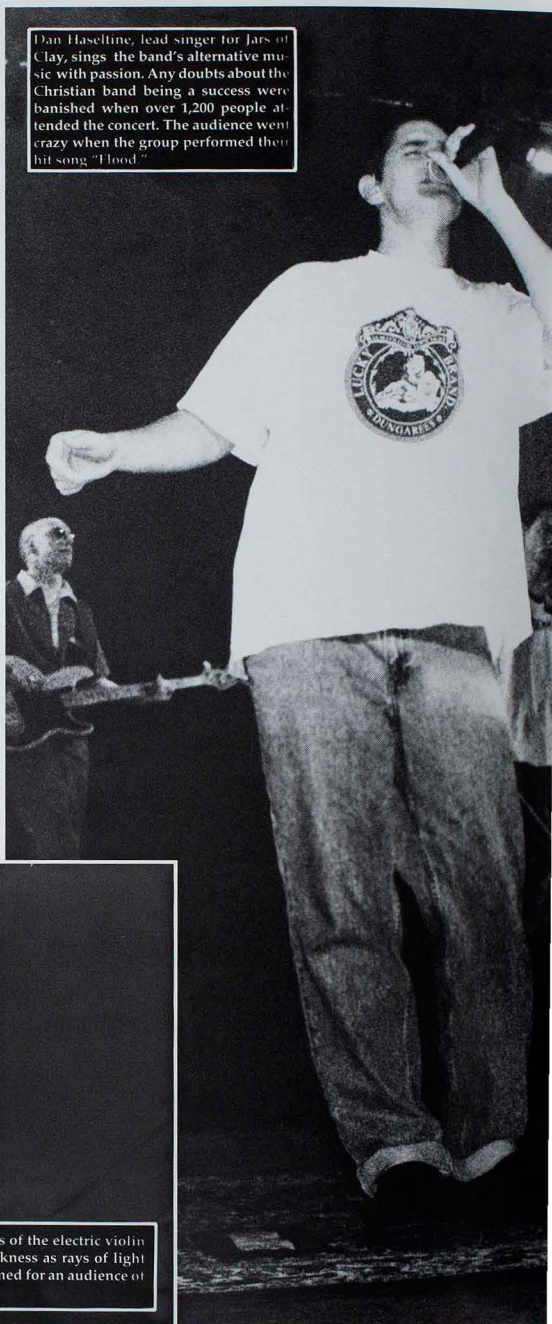
The Christian message of the music, while not lost, was not as important as having a good time and enjoying the music.

"I love Jars of Clay--they are awesome," freshman Diana Roshek said. "I think it's really cool that they are a Christian band but made it mainstream."

The Jars of Clay concert helped remind people that it often does not take more than four people to create a flood of interest in uncharted waters.

"It reflects a very positive image on society because normally you hear only about the negative in the world," Roshek said. "I think this is a very positive thing."

Dan Haseltine, lead singer for Jars of Clay, sings the band's alternative music with passion. Any doubts about the Christian band being a success were banished when over 1,200 people attended the concert. The audience went crazy when the group performed their hit song "Flood."



Noah Evans, violinist for Jars of Clay, opens the concert with the soothing strains of the electric violin which both charms and excites the audience. Jars of Clay took the stage in blackness as rays of light illuminated Evans and then the rest of the band. The Gufs and Jars of Clay performed for an audience of over 1,200 students and Kirksville residents. (photos by Hemal Patel)



Students Together Educating Peers

Row 1: Jessica Hanrahan-secretary, Susan Burgess-president, Carrie Stock-vice president, Joe Hamilton-coordinator.



Student Activities Board

Row 1: Jennifer Butler-secretary, Susan A. Bucher-vice president, Andy Akester-president. **Row 2:** Angie Mathis, Anna Worrell, Erica Waldschmidt, Bobbi Hopkins, Eileen Rueth, Angela Newton, Carrie Grantham, Devon Palmer, Amy Street, Mickie Bert, Angela Judkins. **Row 3:** Alicia Ito, Rynne Tilley, Genna Tramel, Liz Kolwyck, Caroline Horn, Emily Vogel, Chris Wolf, Alana Butler, Emily Corbett, Danny Dolan, Rachel Beard. **Row 4:** Sri Ghanta, Brad Wilson, Natanya Brown, John Edwards, Tim Birkel, Mike Heckman, Andy Loehr.



Student Ambassadors

Row 1: Tim Taylor-adviser, Sarah Ledgerwood-vice president, Mary Prescott-secretary, Carrie Harting-visit event assistant. **Row 2:** Katherine Cumming, Carrie Holbo, Adrienne Gerke, Lennora Jules, Tiffani Truitt, Meghan McCormick, Jennifer Kopp, Kim Oelschlaeger, Amy Michelle DeBaets, Jessica Orf, Valerie Elkins, Carrie Stock. **Row 3:** Jennie Adamek, Katy Bryan, Bekka Meyer, Amy Holbo, Joshua Kesterson, Natanya Brown, Brian Rockette, Kirk McCarty.



Student Council for Exceptional Children

Row 1: Dr. Barbara Heard-adviser, Joshua Kesterson-vice president, Jill Kruse-president, Danette Thomas-secretary, Jill Jeffrey-treasurer. **Row 2:** Megan Kesterson, Dawn Wilber, Kara Johnson, Jessica Gaskill, Stacey Erkiletian, Lori Sickmann, Kellie Davis, Beverly Vogt, Andrea Yaw.

Imagery in Action

Tau Lambda Sigma Public Service Announcement Contest

"We are a service organization and KTVO does a lot to help the community. The whole purpose of this contest is to help get the message out about not doing drugs."

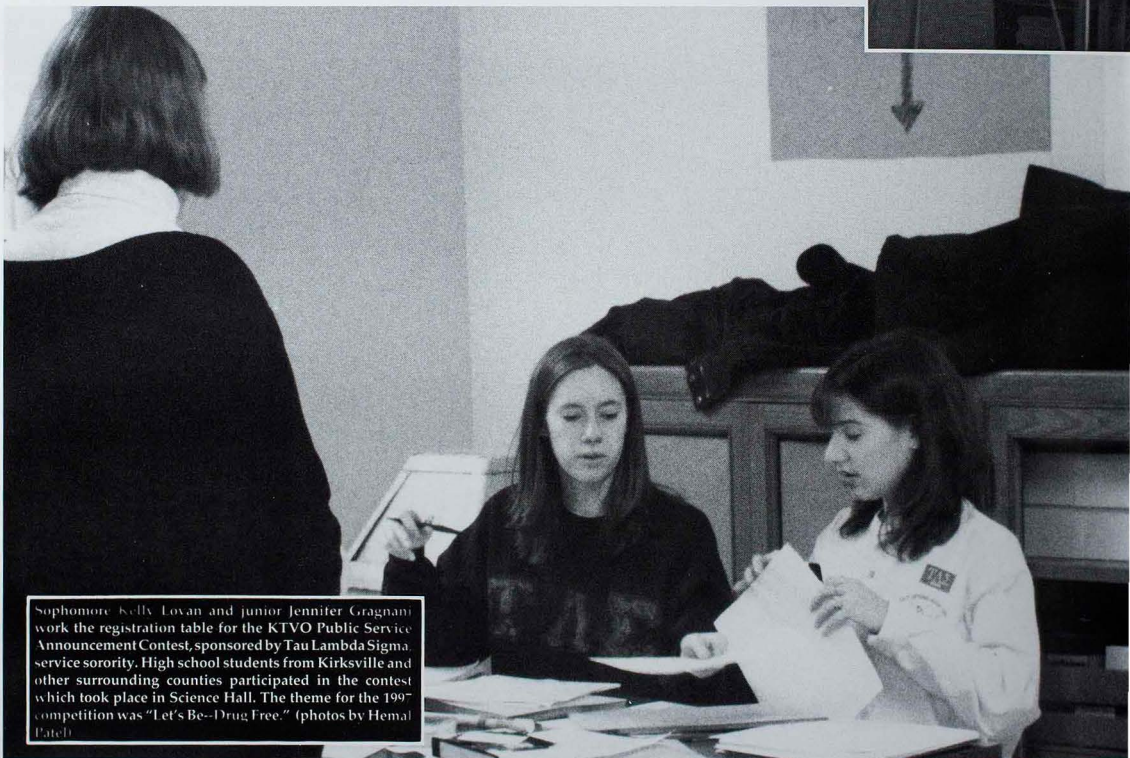
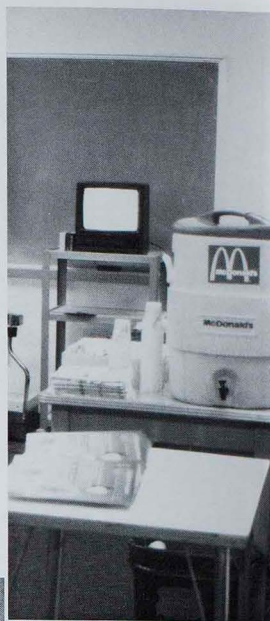
-junior Jennifer Gragnani

"The top three commercials are going to be advertised on KTVO. We are getting the community involved in a drug-free atmosphere--not just in Kirksville, but in the surrounding counties."

-junior Deena Wiss

"Our mission statement is serving the community and campus, and by doing the PSA contest, we're bringing the community onto campus."

-sophomore Jeannette Ritchey



Sophomore Kelly Loxan and junior Jennifer Gragnani work the registration table for the KTVO Public Service Announcement Contest, sponsored by Tau Lambda Sigma service sorority. High school students from Kirksville and other surrounding counties participated in the contest which took place in Science Hall. The theme for the 1997 competition was "Let's Be--Drug Free." (photos by Hemal Patel)



Sophomore Carrie Toiles and junior Deena Wiss supervise the hospitality room during the Public Service Announcement contest. Students played games with the family members of participants. Refreshments were provided for everyone waiting.



Students in Pursuit of Life

Row 1: Nicole Yanick, Michael Madonia, Gerilyn Hoven, Michael Hronick **Row 2:** Shana Stribling, Jeff Pauls, Leanna Graham, Sarah Brown.



Student Nurses Association

Row 1: Nikki Francis, Stacey Grgrich, Beth Passini-treasurer, Charlene Garrison-president, Diana Richter-vice-president, Brandi Pfaff-secretary, Felicia Karlin. **Row 2:** Cara Schuette, Amie Ford, Krisha Heuss, Becky Borgmann, Sarah Mangrich, Angela Snodgrass, Becky Pedenz, Jeremy Knight, Jenny Sajevic, Cara Cochran, Angela Burton. **Row 3:** Erin Ramsay, Laura Keller, Jeannette Ritchey, Amy Hermann, Mary Weinberger, Amy Heck, Laura Mistretta, Jennifer Smith, Holly Westhoff.



Student Senate

Row 1: Brian Rockette, Sara Braaf-secretary, Danny Rotert-president, Lisa Kays-vice president, Julie Strebler-treasurer, Ryan Donovan. **Row 2:** Tracie Lynn Adams, Sarah Hickey, Amy Michelle DeBaets, Tamara Craig, Stacey George, Jessica Neighbors, Meghan McCormick, Katherine Carlson, Sara Reisdorf, Connie Kovach, Susan Burgess, Brian Concagh. **Row 3:** Jamie Lynn Davis, Stacey Lindgren, Sebastian Schnellbacher, Michael Price, Heather Morris, Glenn Grothaus Jr., Bekka Meyer, Jake Cowan, Christine Pesout, Michael Daming, Katherine Noll, Joshua Kesterson. **Row 4:** Tysen Petre, Clay Moore, Tom Hayde, Kirk McCarty.



Tau Lambda Sigma

Row 1: Dorothy Reid, Amy Hermann, Jennifer Mitchell, LeAnn Enloe, Jill Ralph. **Row 2:** Laura Martin, Kesslie Patton, Alisa Cornille-secretary, Valerie Radek-president, Heather Bollaert-treasurer, Bich Pham. **Row 3:** Laura Painter, Alys Miller, Melinda Snyder, Jeannette Ritchey, Melissa Kendrick, Kelly Lovan, Julie Kitsmiller, Jen Gragnani, Deena Wiss, Debbie Moeller, Sarah Farthing.

Truman Transfers

Row 1: Stephanie Krueger-adviser, Brian Smith-public relations coordinator, Kimberly Sheridan-treasurer, Rebecca Meyer-president, Laura Krom-secretary, Jason Rush-vice president, Shirley Schulze-adviser. **Row 2:** Bryan Beckmann, Jeff Spengemann, Julie IntVeld, Sherry Tyhurst, Danielle Seyller, Ryan Totten, Jim Vogel.



Unique Ensemble

Row 1: April Warren-Grice, Lakisha Blue, Angela Bond-president, Eddie Pierce, Melissa Baker, Janna Goldman, LaTricia Asbury-vice president. **Row 2:** Andrea Penn, Kim Stovall, Makima Spencer, Lashondra Stephens, Kenyatta Eleby, Temeka Lewis, Marcia Palmer, Sharon Smith, Schevone Bell. (photo by Hernal Patel)



University Sportsmen Club

Row 1: Ryan Fritsch, Melissa Rauser, Monica Hafner, Jen Silvernail, Kyle Bogdan.



University Swingers

Row 1: Laura Townsend, Alicia Hopper, Scott Hutcheson-co-president, Calaneet Balas-co-president, Amy Colston, Ann Miller, Dana Hahn. **Row 2:** Angie Zahner, Anne Pagenstecher, Katherine Milewski, Kelly Jones, Adrienne Smith, Sara Riggs, Derek Christeson, Amy Fingerhut, Anne Beshears, Stacey Adams, Erica Sule, James D'Agostin, Christy Straatmann, Sebastian Schnellbacher. **Row 3:** Andrea Mueller, Janet Noll, Josh Johnston, Joshua Lenon, Jeff Spengemann, Jesse D. Crews, Jay Terwilliger II, Walter Roensch, Erik Carlson, Michael Meng, Dan Murphy.



Freshman Eddie Pierce and sophomore Marcia Palmer sang their hearts out as they performed in Unique Ensemble's annual Homecoming concert. Unique Ensemble sang in front of a near-capacity crowd. The choir spread the word of God through soulful ballads and foot-stomping hymns.

Singing Unique Tunes

by
Amy DeHart

Praising God through song gave way to a unique image for some students.

The Unique Ensemble Gospel Choir, made up of 45 students, blended their voices in song and praise to worship the Lord.

President Angela Bond said Unique Ensemble was open to the entire campus. There were no auditions, so anyone who enjoyed singing could join.

In November, the choir participated in the Missouri Statewide Retreat. Fifteen gospel choirs in Missouri traveled to Rolla to participate in Bible study and to praise God through song.

The choir took part in the live recording of an album at the Statewide Retreat. A Statewide Board member suggested making an album with all the choirs singing together. Altogether, there were approximately 300 voices on the album.

Head Director Marcus Tokay Smith said the album would benefit Truman by drawing more attention to the campus.

Around the holidays, the choir held a Christmas concert. They also

participated in Black History Month, and in April they held a spring concert.

Throughout the year, the choir held fundraisers such as bake sales. They hoped to raise enough money to buy choir robes.

Within the choir there were different leadership roles. Aside from the executive board, the choir had directors. The directors instructed the choir while they sang by signaling and hand movements.

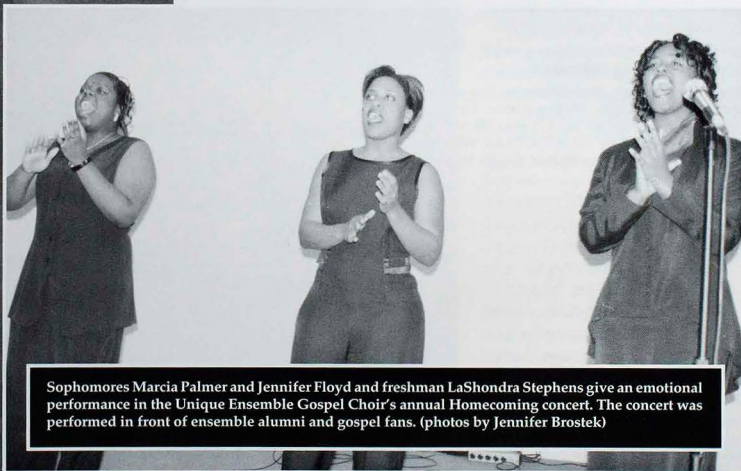
The choir also had section leaders. The section leaders taught the various voice groups different parts of the songs.

Even though they had advisers to help out when needed, the choir hoped the organization would remain student run in the future.

Bond said the Unique Ensemble was more than just singing in a choir. They had get-togethers on the weekends for fun and fellowship.

"We just want people to know that there are other things to do than go to parties," Bond said.

Bond also said they wanted to do more fellowship with other Christian organizations on campus.



Sophomores Marcia Palmer and Jennifer Floyd and freshman LaShondra Stephens give an emotional performance in the Unique Ensemble Gospel Choir's annual Homecoming concert. The concert was performed in front of ensemble alumni and gospel fans. (photos by Jennifer Brostek)

Wesley House

Row 1: Marla Guy-assistant director, John Alexander-peer minister, Jennifer Carter-peer minister, Jeannie Redding-president, Vinita Dew-faculty adviser. **Row 2:** the Rev. Eric Anderson-campus minister/director, Carolyn Vibbert-secretary/treasurer, Debbie Metcalf, Jennifer Sloey-historian, Danette Rardon, Megan Watson, Christina Truesdale, Walter Coats, Allen Weltig. **Row 3:** Arthur Hoffman, Justin Ryburn, Brian Sucharski, Andy Dean.



Woman's Resouce Center

Row 1: Ashley Marx-Sense of a Woman coordinator, Christina Yiangou-program coordinator, Melanie Redman-volunteer coordinator, Janine Nichoalds, co-director, Marshall Rowland-historian, Cheryl Hindrichs-special events coordinator. **Row 2:** Amy K. Malaska-adviser.



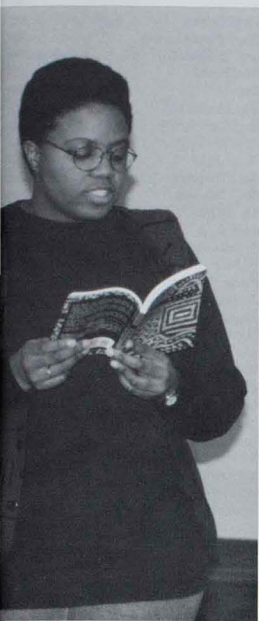
Windfall

Row 1: Jean Stelzer, Katie Svoboda, Shalyn Claggett, Chrissy Birdsell, Kelly Watson-editor. **Row 2:** Cisse Seynabou, Brian Sinclair, Rhea Juliano, Rhonda Rathke, Jennifer Padberg, Erin Summers, Diane Williams, Joe Selby, Sarah Lucas-assistant editor, Maggie Miller, Joshua Hudson, James Nangle.



Senior Candra Gill recites "Bocas: A Daughter's Geography" by Ntozake Shange. The Poetry readings held in the Down Under were one way women on campus could express themselves. They also expressed themselves through prose and music.

In Celebration of Women



"I am a woman. Phenomenally," wrote Maya Angelou in her poem "Phenomenal Woman." The poem emphasized what really made a woman real was not how she looked or how she dressed, but her attitude, how she looked at the world and what lay beneath the surface.

In March, the Women's Resource Center sponsored Women's History Month to celebrate those characteristics that truly made a woman a woman.

"It's a month we can celebrate womanhood and get to look at vast areas of talent from poetry to music to art," senior Sarah Taylor said.

The month was filled with many different activities supporting the

by
Jennifer Baumann

talents and intellect of women. Among these events was a discussion night on why women were scared to call themselves feminists. This brought the American Civil Liberties Union president Nadine Strossen to campus, a women's art show, a poetry night and a live music night.

The live music night was about the talents of women on campus and what they had to offer the University and each other.

"Tonight is a night to promote gifts and talents of women, and it's not just a show for women," junior

Janine Nicholds said. "Men could perform too, as long as their actions and words were in celebration of women."

The evening of music ranged from contemporary to classical to Greek showtunes. The mixture of people made the night important not just as an event, but for the performers.

"Aside from being excited and all, when I was asked to perform, I felt privileged because it was a place where women and men can come together," sophomore Sara Potts said. "The Women's Resource Center is very supportive. This is an honor, and it's fun. It demonstrates how women and men can work together, and how each are strong and beautiful."

Nicholds was impressed with how many people turned out, not just for the evening of music, but at all the events during the month. She explained how well discussion evenings were going as well as the deep emotions they evoked from opinions being voiced and poems being read.

All the events throughout the month were just as successful and meaningful because they came from the students, for the students.

"We get a lot of attendance at these programs during March because the events are in such a concentrated time period," Taylor said.

The WRC was proud of not only its Women in History Month, but of all the programs it sponsored. The semester also featured an International Women's Film Festival, a look at important women in history and a program on why Barbie was not perfection.

Women in History Month was a month of many events, speakers and information. In the end, the month was about more than just places and dates. It was a celebration of women who made their mark in the past, and how women are presently making their mark in the world, phenomenally.



Nadine Strossen, president of the American Civil Liberties Union, speaks on pornography, women's rights and free speech. Her speech was considered one of the most controversial speeches on campus in 1997. While not everyone agreed with the content of the speech, it was an excellent way to end a month celebrating the beauty of women.



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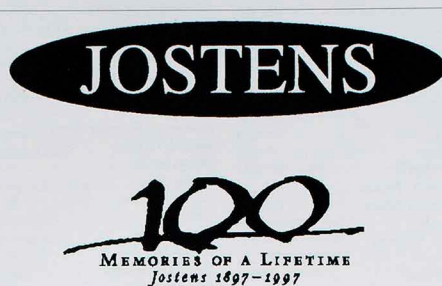


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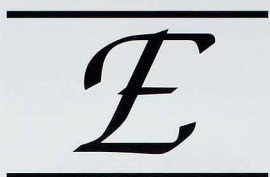
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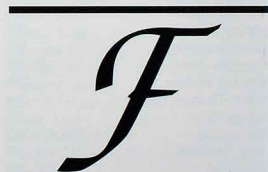
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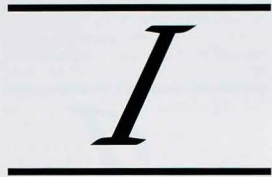
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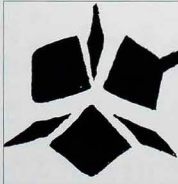
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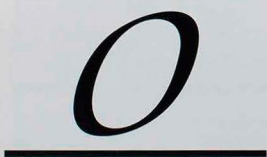


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Junior Jill Snitker, senior Paul Sager and junior Jennifer Odefey discuss plans for their last deadline over a staff dinner at Ponderosa. It was common for the copy/features staff to meet with section editors before deadlines to check on the status of stories and layouts. The 1997 staff tried to build their layouts with a collaborative effort by having the photographer, designer and writer all meet to discuss angles for a spread.

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Academics Editor, Jeremy Early poses for a possible *Echo* candid. Throughout the year stressful deadlines and long hours in the Media Center caused staff members to become a bit crazy. Attending conventions and workshops along with a few staff parties helped to relieve staff burnout. (photos by Angie Bowers)

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Senior Shapath Bhatta and his friend Samuel Buwalda tape work on a project for Television Broadcasting class. A variety of classes at Truman provided students with hands-on assignments that gave them "real world" experience.



Violet Hall renovations force students to travel further to class. Because of the renovations, classes were held in every space available on Truman's campus, and students saw the effects in earlier and later classes as well as in longer walks to Barnett Hall.



Campus Coffeehouses in the Down Under provide students with a change of pace and a change of atmosphere. They often involved bands, karaoke and a time to socialize with friends. The Student Activities Board sponsored the events and served a variety of coffee flavors to students.

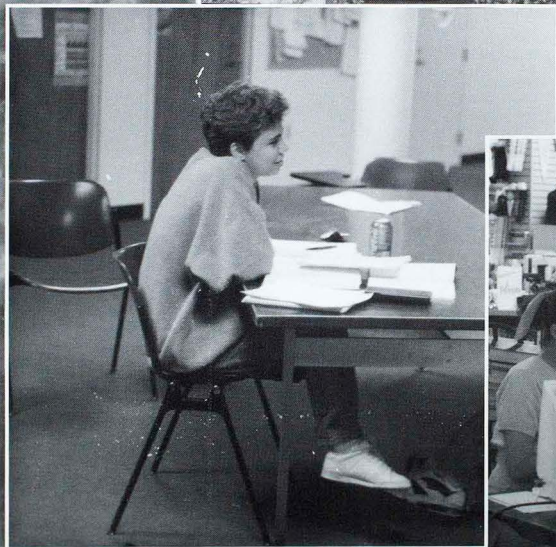
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And so ended the first year of the creation of the Truman image. It was an image rooted in tradition yet freshly created. The NMSU name was gone but not forgotten. Truman State University had to implement an identity system all its own. As the University worked to further a positive national reputation, it also tried to create a new look for the campus. The new physical additions to the University created an image to accompany the name change. They were changes which would last until construction would someday begin again. The University's name change was just the beginning as traditional campus events received new titles. It was a year of many firsts, and a Homecoming celebration captured them all. Many things changed, but the dedication to excellence in education remained consistent. Truman State University showed the community a new name did not change what was most important. Students continued to learn and grow in their years at Truman, academically and in many other ways. The University continued to stand for a commitment to the liberal arts and sciences. It was an image that would always be in the progress of forming. It was an image which began when the Truman tradition was created. It was an image which would endure many changes over the years, and the University was ready for them. Image was not everything, but it played an important role in the creation of the Truman State University identity.

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Junior Angela Nicholson and senior Kristin Clendenin stop to chat in between classes. Having about 6,000 students made Truman's campus small enough to always recognize someone and still not know everyone.



Junior Becky AuBuchon studies at a table in Science Hall. The table, outside of Science Hall 220, was a notorious meeting place for chemistry majors to work on homework, go over lab reports and study for exams.



Freshman Jennifer Chambers and senior Karsee Taylor help a student during Book Buyback at the Truman Bookstore. Students sold their books in hopes of receiving enough money to survive the final days of school or to at least have enough money for gas to get home.

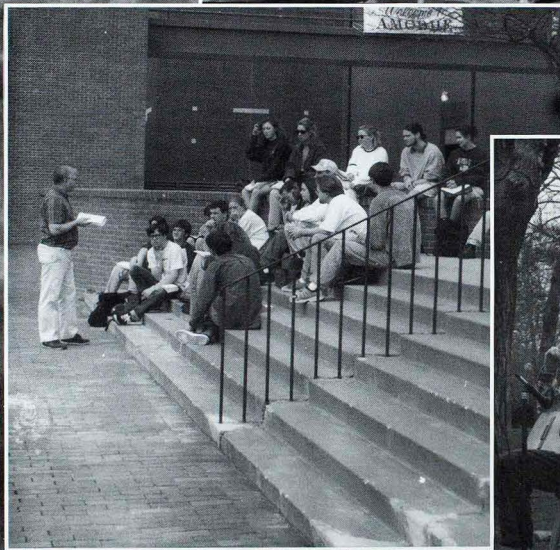
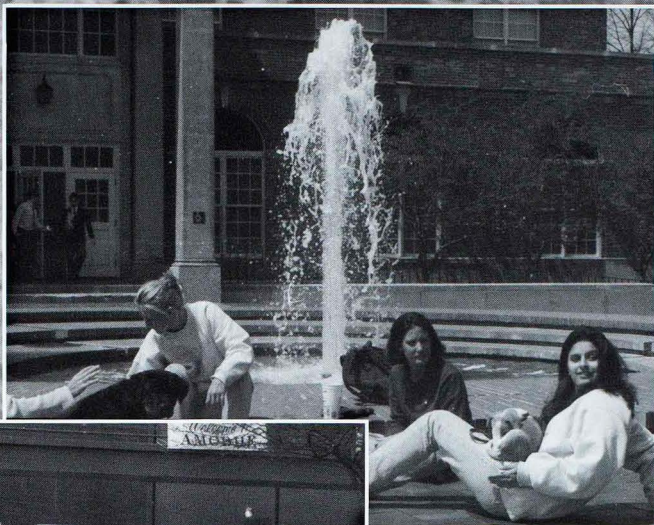
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As Truman worked to develop its image, the people of the University community tried to create an image of their own. They found these new images reflected in the community that surrounded them. Freshmen heard stories about a school once called Northeast Missouri State University, but they began their college careers at a school called Truman. Upperclassmen remembered the old days while trying to create a new identity. Everyone kept busy throughout it all, and there were few dull moments on campus. The organizations and activities in which students were a part helped them find ways to explore their individuality. They searched for creative ways in which to express their unique personalities. As Truman State University was driven by its reputation and ideals, so too were the individuals. Successes were celebrated and cherished, and failures were chalked up as learning experiences. Challenges were faced and overcome, afterward being looked upon as just a few more of life's struggles. Everyday brought new lessons about academics and, more importantly, about life. The images were not easy to create, nor were they easy to destroy. It took time and patience to develop an image, and even then it was always changing. Progress was the key, and Truman witnessed it through constant changes and improvements. The people of Truman State University would change year after year, but they would always be welcomed with open arms.

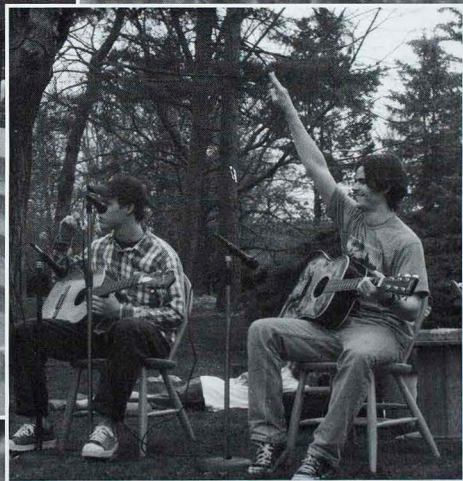
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Freshman Aneesha Bharwani, senior Becky Schnarre and freshman Erin Smith help Alpha Sigma Alpha social sorority raise money for the Humane Society. The Alphas brought the dogs to campus in hopes of obtaining donations to aid in their care.



James Przybylski, professor of political science, conducts his class outdoors during one of the many beautiful days that graced the Truman campus during the spring semester. It was a common sight to see classes outside and students enjoying the weather in the final days of the school year.



Members of the band Stil, Steve Grimm and Jeff Schaida wave to the crowd during the Save the Earth Band Fest sponsored by Environmental Campus Organization. Earth Week was celebrated by many campus organizations and students April 20-26.

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As the people were welcomed, so too were their images—images which would come together in the mural that was Truman State University. Each individual brought a uniqueness, one which would be valued and appreciated for generations to come. It was a constant work in progress, one which might never be completed but would always be cherished. It was about more than a name change, more than a ranking and more than making news. It was about the people that created the image and the ideals that made it unique. It was a constantly unfolding story. It was a picture always developing. It was an all-encompassing image which would never be static. It was an image of greatness, of pride and of excellence. For the members of the Truman community, it was an image of friendship, humor and love. At the same time, it was also an image of controversy and struggle. It was a different image to each observer, yet some things were always the same. The evolving story would never be complete as Truman State University would continue to welcome new faces, each one bringing with it a new chapter of the continuing story. Each chapter would complement the next, but a conclusion might never be drawn. The image would remain ever-changing. The change was necessary in the creation of an image. But the constant change was what made the University unique and allowed it to create a new identity. The greatness, after all, was its creation.

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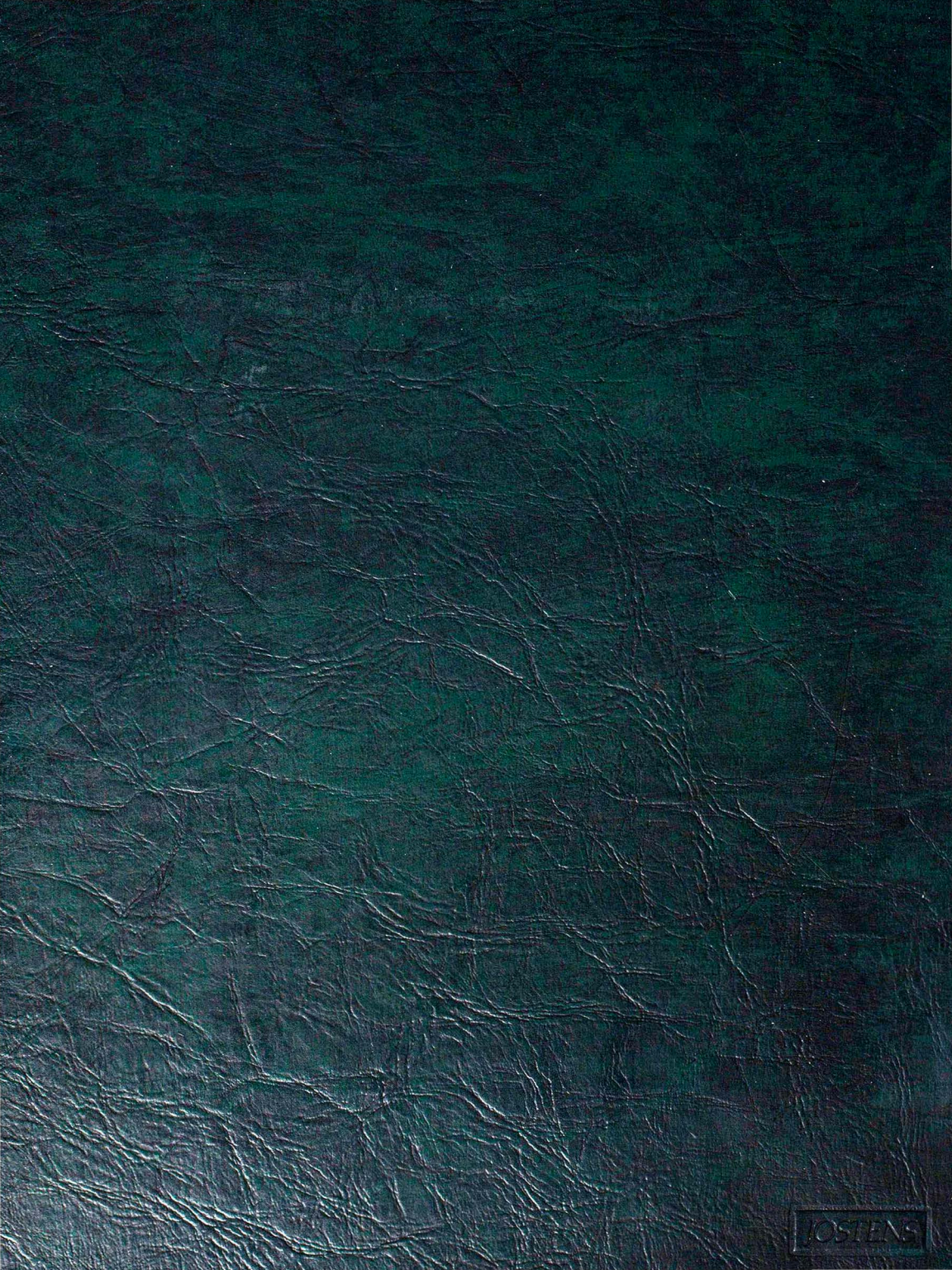
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